

Dig Deeper @Home – “Religious Anarchy”

Complement to sermon on 2/25/18 – “The Delusion of Doing Right in our own Eyes”

MEMORIZE – 1 Samuel 8:6-7

But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to judge us.” And Samuel prayed to the Lord. And the Lord said to Samuel, “Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them.

READ Judges 10:6 – 12:7

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What does this passage from Judges reveal about God? About humanity?
2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life?
3. Compare and contrast the exchange between Jephthah and Ammonite King in Judges 11: 12-28 with Jephthah and the Ephraimites in Judges 12: 1-6.
4. Because of the events recorded in it, Judges is a particularly difficult book to read. What do you think is the point of these stories being recorded? (hint: remember to think about where it fits in the grand narrative of scripture: Creation, Rebellion, Redemption Recreation).
5. Look again through the passage and identify all the times someone or a group of people turn to someone else for guidance or help or support. List these out. Who do you see people turning to? Who aren't people turning to? What can we learn from this?
6. The book of Judges seems almost unbelievable with all of the horrible stories that it shares. But are we much different? Talk about current events in the US or around the world. Would the phrase “in those days the US had no king” be applicable. Why or why not?

Summarize the Judges 10:6 – 12:7 in two sentences or less:

Experiential

Sometimes activities help us to understand and process biblical truths. The one below is a suggestion for how to experience the truths of Judges 2. Feel free to use this or any other experience you might come up with.

Newsfeed

Go to a news site and read the headlines. If you are with a group, talk about some of these headlines together. How do you feel about this? How do you God feels about this? How is Christ calling us to respond?

Testimony Time

Share a time in your own life when you made a decision in your life that seemed right in your eyes or when you made a rash vow. How did it turn out? What did you learn from it? Where did you see God in it? What does it show about His faithfulness?

SING (suggested songs to sing. Use these or any song you might want to sing)

[His Mercy is More](#)

Our sins they are many his mercy is more. Reflect on this truth in your own life and then sing with everything you got to Jesus, our wonderful Savior and Friend.

Take my Life and let it be Consecrated - #358 in Mennonite Hymnal

A song that leads us to surrender all and submit to our King, Jesus

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the lesson:

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.