

Dig Deeper @Home – “Religious Anarchy”

Complement to sermon on 3/11/18 – “The Depravity 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 19

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. Judges is known as a time when “there was no king in Israel.” Turn to 1st Samuel and read about the first King, Saul. Read 1st Samuel 9:1-2, 10:24-27.
 - a. What tribe is Saul from?
 - b. In what town was Saul’s home?
 - c. What do we know about these two from Judges 19 & 20?
 - d. Based on your answers to 3c, what are your expectations for Saul as king? Why?
 - e. What does this reveal to us about God’s grace? (in light of the way the Benjaminites and the people of Gibeah are depicted in Judges 19?)

4. Much is made of hospitality in Judges 19.
 - a. Where do you hospitality offered and not offered?
 - b. Where do you see if received and not received?
 - c. Why doesn’t the Levite want to stop in Jerusalem? Why is this added insult to the inhospitable way they are treated in Gibeah?

Summarize the Judges 19 in two sentences or less:

Experiential

Sharing out testimony, what God is doing/has done in our lives, is a great way of growing in our understanding of who God is and why we need him daily. Share vulnerably, knowing that as we do, God is greatly glorified for his grace and mercy and it allows others to be led into His presence and grow in their own relationship as well. Share these testimonies with a friend, your spouse, your children, or whoever the Lord brings into your week.

Testimony Time

Share a time in your own life when you were in need of God's grace. What was the situation? Did you resist God's grace or openly receive it? Share a time when you offered God's grace to someone else. What was this experience like for you?

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.