

Small Group Questions

July 26, 2020

Series: Right in the Eye

Message: "You Turn"

This extended series will work through the book of Judges. That period of time represents some of the more bizarre and hard-to-understand parts of the Bible. There will be a large "river" to cross to apply what happened so long ago, in a culture very different than our own, to the day in which we live. That will be our goal, namely, to show how God remains faithful in all times and with all people. The time of the Judges points out the flaws in broken humanity and the trustworthiness of the God of the Bible. The hope is that this study will help to empty our false pride and instill a greater level of trust in God and our day-by-day dependence upon Him.

The title of the series comes from the last sentence of the book that serves as a general summary of what has been detailed in Judges. "Everyone did what was right in their own eyes" (Judges 21:25b). It is easy to see our own day described in that sentence. May God convince us of our need to surrender to Him and His direction for us in all aspects of our lives and faith.

Thank you once again for your service to God by loving the people in your group! I trust that you are meeting in person or again or will soon do so, perhaps outdoors in these warm days. May God bless you for your service.

(Questions to get everyone to participate)

1. What is the most unusual hair style you've "rocked" in your life? Have any pics??
2. When did you first "fall in love?" What was one secret you were dying to know about the other person?

(Questions based on the primary texts)

Read Judges 16:1-22.

3. Gaza was the Philistine capital city. Why would Samson venture there? Death wish? Tempting fate? Cockiness? Carelessness?
4. What did Samson and Delilah have going for them? What was working against them?
5. Why does Samson once again allow an unhealthy relationship to bring harm to him? Why do people today allow the same unhealthy relational dynamics to harm them again and again?
6. How do Samson and Delilah illustrate the old saying, "Everybody has a price?" Do you believe that statement is always true, mostly true, not true? Explain.
7. Samson had obvious physical strength. What strength was he lacking? What area of your own life would you like to strengthen?
8. What drains your spiritual strength? What builds your spiritual strength? How can your group add to your spiritual strength?