

Study Questions

God's Relentless Love for His People
Judges 10:6-16

1. Read Judges 10:6. How would you answer the question: "What is idolatry"? According to Judges 10:7-8, what are the results and consequences of idolatry? See also Romans 1:22-25.
2. In Judges 10:10, Israel cries out to God for help. However, God recognizes their motives and initially denies them his help (v.13). What lessons do you think God is trying to teach Israel by doing this? How and for what do we normally pray? Read James 4:3. How and for what should we pray?
3. God says in v.13 that he "will save them no more." But when we read further in Judges, we find that the people will be saved. So why does God say this? Is God bluffing? What do you think God wants the people to realize with his comment in 10:14?
4. What unexpected and sudden event has happened to you? Were you ready to handle it? Why or why not? Any lessons learned?
5. Take turns reading the verses found in Romans 1:18-32. What connection(s) do you see between the book of judges and Paul's description of humanity's heart and God's response?
6. Think about the Israelites' response to God in vv. 15-16. What are they saying to God? Can you echo their statement? Do you want God, or what God gives you?

7. Carefully review the visual representation of the cycle of sin by the Israelites in the book of Judges. Looking over your past as a Christian, have you seen this in your own life? If we are honest, the message in Judges is a wakeup call for each of us.

The Cycle of Sin and Deliverance in the Book of Judges



8. In v. 16 we read that God “became impatient over the misery of Israel.” Is this how you usually think about God’s emotional response to his people’s “misery” or pain? Read Exodus 2:23-25, Hosea 11:8-9, and Matthew 23:37. What do these verses show about God and his posture towards His people?