

THE BOOK OF JUDGES



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*“In those days there was no king in Israel.
Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.”*

JUDGES 21:25

*“Be not conformed to this world, but be
transformed by the renewing of your mind...”*

ROMANS 12:2

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cultural detox

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Welcome! During the next ten weeks, our desire is to help you grow as a fully-devoted follower of Jesus Christ. This book is your guide to lead you into engaging God and others in a spiritual journey. Write in it, keep it with you, bring it to your group studies, and share all your discoveries with others.

Here are some of the helpful sections in this book:

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Why Study Judges?

INTRODUCTION TO ‘CULTURAL DETOX’

It’s not difficult to look out at the world and say, “*This place is toxic!*” – rampant moral decay, abandonment of truth, and an increasing extremism, ego, and division. What can be more difficult, however, is to admit where the toxins have seeped into us – into our values, our beliefs, and our actions.

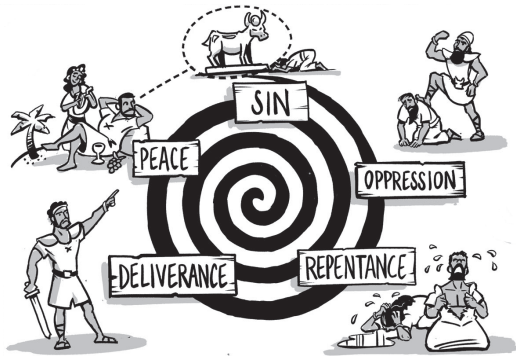
Israel too faced this problem. Faced it and failed. God had rescued His people from captivity, given them His law, His presence, and the “promised land” – but upon entering, Israel, who was supposed to be a “kingdom of priests and a holy nation,” was far more influenced than influencer. They allowed the toxic culture seep into and become their own culture. The Book of Judges takes us through the downward spiral of a nation and its leaders as they abandon God and pursue the wickedness of the world around them. It’s a dark book, but the darkness only serves to contrast the character and nature of our great God. Time and time again, Judges shows that Israel is a sin-sick society in need of a Savior.

Judges today is a wake-up call to the church, to us, of what happens when we cozy up to the world and let its values infiltrate our own. It’s a calling to escape the toxic culture and embrace God’s radical grace to save and to lead us into new paths. It’s a true tale of the deadly impact of sin and the faithful God who still rescues. It invites us to unplug from the devices, apps and newsfeeds that fuel our departure from God’s ways and plug ourselves back into Him. This sermons series is the admission that we need a *cultural detox*. We need to start replacing the “likes” of the world with God’s own heart – His values, His loves, His word, Himself. This series calls on each of us to look inside, turn back to God, and find continuing deliverance and guidance in the Savior Jesus.

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P.S. For a great Judges overview: search “*Judges Bible Project*” on YouTube.



Getting the Most Out of this Study

RHYTHMS OF FAITH

We believe growth happens as you are involved in certain rhythms of the faith. If you have been through **ROOTED**, then you will be familiar with these and this will serve to help continue in those practices; if you have not been through **ROOTED**, you will greatly benefit, but please, consider joining a **ROOTED** group!

DAILY DEVOTIONS

We believe God wants to meet with you as you read His Word. There are 5 days of scripture reading for each week with a curated mix from Judges, Deuteronomy, and the New Testament. These readings and the insights you glean from them will form the foundation of your group discussions. You should be able to complete the reading and **SOMA** method in under 30 minutes a day.

GROUP TIME

We believe God wants you to journey with others. These weekly gatherings will be a place of encouraging one another by sharing what God is teaching you in your devotional time, as well as a source for prayer and service.

PRAYER

We believe that God works through prayer. Prayer will be an important component of your daily reading and your group time. Additionally we are hoping each group will set aside a two hour special gathering to do a focused Prayer experience.

SERVE THE COMMUNITY

We believe that our love for Jesus will spill out into the community. Our hope is that each group will find a way to serve the community in a relational way. You can start brainstorming with your group from the beginning of a way to make an impact with a real need in the name of Jesus.

SHARE YOUR STORY

We believe that God is continually in the business of life transformation. He has worked in your life and He wants to work through you to transform others. As we share our stories (testimony or other instances of God's work in your life) with our group, we'll also be prayerfully looking for opportunities to share our story and God's story (the gospel) with others.

WEEKLY SERMONS

We believe God has gifted us for the building up of the church body. Join us Sunday mornings in-person or online to deepen your understanding and application of the Book of Judges.

SOMA

BIBLE STUDY METHOD

SOMA* is an easy-to-use Bible study method for jumping into a passage and mining its riches. This method can be repeated with any passage of the Bible and used for personal Bible reading, one-on-one bible study, and small group bible study. Our hope and prayer is that our church body could learn this method over time and have confidence in reading the Bible on their own, as well as with others.

**Fun fact: 'Soma' is the Greek word for 'body,' which is really what this is all about: building up the body of Christ, the church.*

S Soak: Read the passage slowly asking the Holy Spirit to open it to you. We want to soak in it, marinate, steep in it, asking the Spirit to guide us into the scriptures and notice its surroundings.

We want to ask questions about the context of the passage in these areas:

- Genre: What kind of writing is this? Narrative? Poem? Letter?
- Circumstances: Who is writing this? To whom? Are there any clues as to why? Maybe the Israelites are worshipping idols again. Maybe Paul is in prison again. Maybe the Corinthians messed up again.
- Connection to the rest of the story: Where does this passage fit in to the rest of the book? What has happened so far?

O Observe: Once we've soaked in passage, we want to make sure we are able to see all that is really there. Not interpreting, but taking note of what is present.

We want to ask observation questions of the text:

- What are the key words? Are there any words or ideas that are repeated?
- What do you learn about the main characters? How are they described by the author?
- Is time or place significant in this passage?
- Is there a conflict?
- Are there any surprises?
- Do you have any questions from the passage? Is there anything difficult to understand or something you'd like to ask the author?

M **Meaning:** Now that we've gotten familiar with the passage, knowing what is there, we want to get at its meaning. The meaning of the passage doesn't come from us, but from the author. Instead of asking questions like: "What does this passage mean to me?", we want to ask questions like: "What is the author trying to say?"

Here are some questions to help arrive at the meaning:

- What is the main point of the passage? What is the author really trying to get across?
- How could you sum up the meaning of this passage in your own words?
- What does this passage reveal about who Jesus is, and what he came into the world to do?
- How does the coming and work of Jesus on the cross change how we understand this passage?

For reading Judges, the main point usually boils down to these 2 questions:

- What's wrong with this picture?
- Where's God in this story?

A **Apply:** After trying to wrap our heads around the meaning of the passage, we want to seek to apply it to our lives. The goal of reading the Bible is transformation. We want to let the Word of God grow deep in us so that we can bear much fruit.

A helpful way to think about application is to ask questions about how it transforms our head (knowledge and beliefs), our heart (desires and attitudes), and our hands (actions and practices).

- Head: How does this passage challenge or confirm your beliefs?
- Heart: How does this passage challenge your desires and attitudes? Is there something you need to change?
- Hands: What does this passage tell us to go and do with our energy, time, and resources?
- Is there any response to this passage you feel that the Spirit is impressing upon you?

PRAYER: Finish your time in God's Word by using this passage as the subject of your prayer. Take time to thank God for what was learned and express your desire for His continued work of transformation in your life.

More helps (including videos) at southshores.org/soma

SERMON NOTES

WEEK 01 | January 17, 2021

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RESPONSE



WEEK 01

DAILY DEVOTIONS

- S Soak**
Read the passage slowly asking the Holy Spirit to open it to you. What from its surroundings or style is important?
- O Observe**
Take note of what is there. What is going on? What seems significant? Do you have any questions you'd like to ask the author?
- M Meaning**
Think through why this is in the Bible. What is the author trying to say? What is the main point of the passage? What's wrong in this story and where is God?
- A Apply**
The goal is transformation. How will the meaning of this passage transform your head (knowledge/beliefs), heart (desires/attitudes), and hands (actions/habits)?

DAY 1

Judges 1:1-2:5

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Group Discussion

WEEK 01

STORIES OF GOD

Have one member of your group share a story of God's work in their life. This could be a testimony of how they came to faith, or another point in their life when God changed them in some way. (Someone different should share each week).

INTRO QUESTION

What do you think of the quote:

"Those that fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it."

– Winston Churchill

OPEN SHARING (use these questions to look back at your O, M & As of your devotions)

How did God get your attention this week in your devotional reading?

Was there any specific way you wanted to apply your reading into your life?

FINAL QUESTIONS

How are you living in a cycle like the judges?

Our passages this week show us that the wickedness of sin is neither something new, nor merely in the annals of history. *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God..."* Yet, our hope is in the redemption brought about by Jesus Christ through His atoning sacrifice. Who do you know that needs to hear this part of the story? Who can you be praying for over the next ten weeks that God would give you the opportunity to share with them and that they would be open to receiving this good news of Jesus?

PRAYER

Share names, and pray for them.

Notes/Prayers

WEEK 01



SERMON NOTES

WEEK 02 | January 24, 2021

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RESPONSE



WEEK 02

DAILY DEVOTIONS

- S Soak**
Read the passage slowly asking the Holy Spirit to open it to you. What from its surroundings or style is important?
- O Observe**
Take note of what is there. What is going on? What seems significant? Do you have any questions you'd like to ask the author?
- M Meaning**
Think through why this is in the Bible. What is the author trying to say? What is the main point of the passage? What's wrong in this story and where is God?
- A Apply**
The goal is transformation. How will the meaning of this passage transform your head (knowledge/beliefs), heart (desires/attitudes), and hands (actions/habits)?

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Judges 4:1-24

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Group Discussion

WEEK 02

STORIES OF GOD

Continue to share a story each week of God's power to transform.

INTRO QUESTION

What cultural influences do you see as threats to the mission and witness of the church? How do they gain influence?

OPEN SHARING

How did God get your attention this week in your devotional reading?

Was there any specific way you wanted to apply your reading into your life?

FINAL QUESTIONS

What cultural influences have worked into your life?

Where are you tempted to conform to the world?

In what ways can this group encourage you to resist 'conforming to this world' and instead 'be transformed by the renewing of your mind'?

In what ways is the church a gift from God for your continued spiritual worship?

Think of some way (outside of this group time) that you can encourage each other in God's grace. What are you going to do? When will you do it?

PRAYER

Split into prayer partners and pray for each others' restistance to conformity and continued transformation to be like Christ.

Notes/Prayers

WEEK 02



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WEEK 03 | January 31, 2021

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WEEK 03

DAILY DEVOTIONS

- S Soak**
Read the passage slowly asking the Holy Spirit to open it to you. What from its surroundings or style is important?
- O Observe**
Take note of what is there. What is going on? What seems significant? Do you have any questions you'd like to ask the author?
- M Meaning**
Think through why this is in the Bible. What is the author trying to say? What is the main point of the passage? What's wrong in this story and where is God?
- A Apply**
The goal is transformation. How will the meaning of this passage transform your head (knowledge/beliefs), heart (desires/attitudes), and hands (actions/habits)?

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Judges 6:1-27

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Group Discussion

WEEK 03

STORIES OF GOD

Continue to share a story each week of God's power to transform.

INTRO QUESTION

Tell of a time when financial hardship caused you to doubt God's goodness or power. Why do you think money has such a strong impact on faith?

OPEN SHARING

How did God get your attention this week in your devotional reading?

Was there any specific way you wanted to apply your reading into your life?

FINAL QUESTIONS

Read 2 Peter 1:5-7. What do you want to grow in your life that has felt impossible before?

If God has 'given us everything we need for a godly life' through knowing Jesus, how can you take a step in living out what God is promising to help you with?

PRAYER

Pray God's power into the life of people in your group for what they hope to grow in. Try doing this where each person prays for the person on their right (or left).

Notes/Prayers

WEEK 03



Prayer Experience

GROUP PRAYER TIME (30 min)

All things begin first with God... His glory, majesty, and power. We want to begin our time by simply looking to Him and acknowledging His worth above all things. In looking up we set out to focus our hearts together on Him.

Read the following scriptures as a group, taking time after each one to silently reflect, and then respond in group prayer praising God for how He's revealed in His word.

Psalm 145:1-7

Psalm 145:8-16

Psalm 145:17-21

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER TIME (60 min)

In prayer we are led by the Holy Spirit to look deeper in. Deeper into the truth of His Word and deeper into our own hearts as He reveals to us those areas that we have attempted to hide away from His view and the view of others. Take time to allow him to speak by His Word and by his Spirit as you journey deeper in.

Divine Reading (Lectio Divina)

1. **Read:** Don't dive into the temptation to simply glance over these passages, some of which may be very familiar to you. Take time to read them and in turn allow them to read you. You may find it helpful to read each passage a few times pausing each time before reading and asking God to speak the truth of each word to your heart.

2. **Reflect:** After reading allow time and space to reflect or ponder in your heart what you have just read. Allow God's Word to become His Word to you and illuminate the deep truth of the text by the Holy Spirit.

3. **Pray:** After you've read and reflected on the passage move on to prayer. Through your spoken and written word and dedicate the truth of His Word to Him in your heart.

4. **Contemplate:** Then contemplate on the truth of what has been revealed through His Word. God speaks... take time, listen, wait, and rest in the reality of His presence and the fullness of His love.

Psalm 51

Romans 3:5-28

Psalm 23 & Colossians 1:3-25

GROUP DEBRIEF (30 min)

Take time to debrief the experience and discuss how each person was able to meet with God and engage His voice through prayer and scripture. Finish by thanking God in prayer for what He has done here today.

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WEEK 04

DAILY DEVOTIONS

- S Soak**
Read the passage slowly asking the Holy Spirit to open it to you. What from its surroundings or style is important?
- O Observe**
Take note of what is there. What is going on? What seems significant? Do you have any questions you'd like to ask the author?
- M Meaning**
Think through why this is in the Bible. What is the author trying to say? What is the main point of the passage? What's wrong in this story and where is God?
- A Apply**
The goal is transformation. How will the meaning of this passage transform your head (knowledge/beliefs), heart (desires/attitudes), and hands (actions/habits)?

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Judges 8:1-21

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Group Discussion

WEEK 04

STORIES OF GOD

Continue to share a story each week of God's power to transform.

INTRO QUESTION

How has the proverb played out in your life, "*Pride comes before the fall,*"?

OPEN SHARING

How did God get your attention this week in your devotional reading?

Was there any specific way you wanted to apply your reading into your life?

FINAL QUESTIONS

In the midst of God's great deliverance and freedom that you have in Christ, what do you need to watch out for?

Are there any ways that culture has seeped in? What do you need to repent of?

PRAYER

Allow a time of silence for individual prayers of repentance.

Notes/Prayers

WEEK 04



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WEEK 05

DAILY DEVOTIONS

- S Soak**
Read the passage slowly asking the Holy Spirit to open it to you. What from its surroundings or style is important?
- O Observe**
Take note of what is there. What is going on? What seems significant? Do you have any questions you'd like to ask the author?
- M Meaning**
Think through why this is in the Bible. What is the author trying to say? What is the main point of the passage? What's wrong in this story and where is God?
- A Apply**
The goal is transformation. How will the meaning of this passage transform your head (knowledge/beliefs), heart (desires/attitudes), and hands (actions/habits)?

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Judges 8:33-9:21

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Group Discussion

WEEK 05

STORIES OF GOD

Continue to share a story each week of God's power to transform.

INTRO QUESTION

In past weeks, we've discussed the threats to the church from outside, but what about inside the church? How have you seen the church become like the culture in how it deals with itself?

OPEN SHARING

How did God get your attention this week in your devotional reading?

Was there any specific way you wanted to apply your reading into your life?

FINAL QUESTIONS

In the midst of God's great deliverance and freedom that you have in Christ, what do you need to watch out for?

What do you need to repent of? (Are there any ways that culture has seeped in?)

PRAYER

Allow a time of silence for individual prayers of repentance.

Notes/Prayers

WEEK 05



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WEEK 06

DAILY DEVOTIONS

- S Soak**
Read the passage slowly asking the Holy Spirit to open it to you. What from its surroundings or style is important?
- O Observe**
Take note of what is there. What is going on? What seems significant? Do you have any questions you'd like to ask the author?
- M Meaning**
Think through why this is in the Bible. What is the author trying to say? What is the main point of the passage? What's wrong in this story and where is God?
- A Apply**
The goal is transformation. How will the meaning of this passage transform your head (knowledge/beliefs), heart (desires/attitudes), and hands (actions/habits)?

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Judges 10:6-18

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Group Discussion

WEEK 06

STORIES OF GOD

Continue to share a story each week of God's power to transform.

INTRO QUESTION

Are there areas in our society that you feel like God has abandoned? Does it ever feel like there are areas of culture that God is not ruler over? What are they and when do you feel that way?

OPEN SHARING

How did God get your attention this week in your devotional reading?

Was there any specific way you wanted to apply your reading into your life?

FINAL QUESTIONS

What are you learning about God's heart from Judges and this study?

How should this impact how you live in a broken world?

PRAYER

Allow a time of silence for individual prayers of repentance.

Notes/Prayers

WEEK 06



Serve Experience

Somewhere between weeks 6 and 8, we want your group to serve in your community. The goal is to show the love of Christ through relational service outside of a Sunday worship gathering. We believe that our love for Jesus will spill out into the community through intentional Christ-like acts. Consider these points as you serve (adapted from **ROOTED**):

LIFE-CHANGE

Serving is not something we do to check off a box, but rather a lifestyle to adopt. Our hope is that you will want to continue finding ways to serve in our community.

BEING VS. DOING

Each serving opportunity is intended to be highly relational. It's not just about a service or product to provide, but a chance to interact with another person who also needs the love and grace of God. You will find that you are not so different than those you help, and their primary need is the same need you have: peace with God.

DEBRIEF

Gather as a group at the end of your time of serving to pray, and to debrief your experience. What is God speaking to you about your life? About serving? About possible next steps? Share with your group.

FLEXIBILITY

Serving can get messy and unexpected things will happen. Please be flexible and remember we are there to serve, so be ready and willing to do whatever is asked of us that day. It's all part of the adventure!

Our group is serving on _____ at _____.

**TAKE TIME TO REFLECT ON YOUR THOUGHTS, PRAYERS, STORIES
AND MORE AS YOU SERVED.**

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WEEK 07

DAILY DEVOTIONS

- S Soak**
Read the passage slowly asking the Holy Spirit to open it to you. What from its surroundings or style is important?
- O Observe**
Take note of what is there. What is going on? What seems significant? Do you have any questions you'd like to ask the author?
- M Meaning**
Think through why this is in the Bible. What is the author trying to say? What is the main point of the passage? What's wrong in this story and where is God?
- A Apply**
The goal is transformation. How will the meaning of this passage transform your head (knowledge/beliefs), heart (desires/attitudes), and hands (actions/habits)?

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Judges 13:1-24

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Group Discussion

WEEK 07

STORIES OF GOD

Continue to share a story each week of God's power to transform.

INTRO QUESTION

As you look to the future, what gets you excited? What gets you down?

OPEN SHARING

How did God get your attention this week in your devotional reading?

Was there any specific way you wanted to apply your reading into your life?

FINAL QUESTIONS

Since Adam, God has chosen to work his grace through many selfish and sinful people, including you! How can you be part of bringing the good news of Jesus' gracious gift this week to the person on your list?

PRAYER

Pray for the people you wrote down on week 1.

Notes/Prayers

WEEK 07



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WEEK 08

DAILY DEVOTIONS

- S Soak**
Read the passage slowly asking the Holy Spirit to open it to you. What from its surroundings or style is important?
- O Observe**
Take note of what is there. What is going on? What seems significant? Do you have any questions you'd like to ask the author?
- M Meaning**
Think through why this is in the Bible. What is the author trying to say? What is the main point of the passage? What's wrong in this story and where is God?
- A Apply**
The goal is transformation. How will the meaning of this passage transform your head (knowledge/beliefs), heart (desires/attitudes), and hands (actions/habits)?

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Judges 17:1-13

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Group Discussion

WEEK 08

STORIES OF GOD

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INTRO QUESTION

What do you think of the phrase: "true for you, but not for me?" How would you respond to that? What about the idea: "You determine your truth?"

OPEN SHARING

How did God get your attention this week in your devotional reading?

Was there any specific way you wanted to apply your reading into your life?

FINAL QUESTIONS

Why do you think we like to worship God on our own terms?

What would be different in your life if you were to fully yield to God's instructions? In what area are you not obeying that you should?

How do you reach a culture that rejects objective truth?

PRAYER

Pray for emboldened obedience.

Notes/Prayers

WEEK 08



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WEEK 09

DAILY DEVOTIONS

- S Soak**
Read the passage slowly asking the Holy Spirit to open it to you. What from its surroundings or style is important?
- O Observe**
Take note of what is there. What is going on? What seems significant? Do you have any questions you'd like to ask the author?
- M Meaning**
Think through why this is in the Bible. What is the author trying to say? What is the main point of the passage? What's wrong in this story and where is God?
- A Apply**
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Judges 19:1-30

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Group Discussion

WEEK 09

STORIES OF GOD

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INTRO QUESTION

Discuss the quote:

"How nice -- to feel nothing, and still get full credit for being alive."
– Kurt Vonnegut, American novelist

What is "numbness" an indicator of?

How have we (as the culture, as the church) grown numb to sin?

OPEN SHARING

How did God get your attention this week in your devotional reading?

Was there any specific way you wanted to apply your reading into your life?

FINAL QUESTIONS

What is our relationship to the toxic world around us?

How can you impact culture?

What would it look like to live as someone sent into the world with a purpose?

PRAYER

Pray for emboldened love of God, belief in Jesus, holiness, and purpose in reaching others for Christ.

Notes/Prayers

WEEK 09



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WEEK 10

DAILY DEVOTIONS

- S Soak**
Read the passage slowly asking the Holy Spirit to open it to you. What from its surroundings or style is important?
- O Observe**
Take note of what is there. What is going on? What seems significant? Do you have any questions you'd like to ask the author?
- M Meaning**
Think through why this is in the Bible. What is the author trying to say? What is the main point of the passage? What's wrong in this story and where is God?
- A Apply**
The goal is transformation. How will the meaning of this passage transform your head (knowledge/beliefs), heart (desires/attitudes), and hands (actions/habits)?

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Ruth 1:1-22

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Group Discussion

WEEK 10

STORIES OF GOD

Continue to share a story each week of God's power to transform.

INTRO QUESTION

Where do you see hope in the midst of our toxic culture? What encourages you?

OPEN SHARING

How did God get your attention this week in your devotional reading?

Was there any specific way you wanted to apply your reading into your life?

FINAL QUESTIONS

How will the book of Judges and this study go with you? What have you seen change in you, your thoughts of God, the world? (answer by completing projects below)

Cardboard Testimony:

Take a piece of paper, on one side write: *Ten weeks ago, I was...*

On the other side write: *Today, I am...*

Affirmations:

Take turns affirming each person in the group for what you have seen God do in their lives during this ten-week journey.

*Have someone write down these affirmations on a card to give them at the end.

PRAYER

Pray for each other.

Next Steps

WHAT DO YOU DO NOW?

1. Stay connected with your Growth Group

Just because this season is over doesn't mean your Growth Group is finished. Make plans to continue as a group and to invite others to join with you for your next study.

2. Continue to do life together

Even if your group takes a break before starting your next weekly study, be intentional about continuing to share life together. Plan an informal group gathering or outing.

3. Continue to serve

Plan your group's next serve opportunity.

4. Help host or lead a Growth Group next season

If you would consider serving as a Growth Group or Rooted host or leader, email Pastor Derick at dzeulner@southshores.org

Visit southshores.org/nextsteps for more ideas.





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