



## JUDGES CHAPTER 3 (FACILITATOR)

### **Discussion Starter**

- What are a couple of things that come easy to you?
- What are a couple of things that you find extremely difficult?
- **Opening Prayer**
  - Ask if someone wants to volunteer before leading the prayer.

### **Tell the Story**

- **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE ONE PERSON WHO STORIES (SUMMARIZES THE CHAPTER) BEFORE THE GROUP READS THE CHAPTER TOGETHER.**

### **Read the Story (Judges 3:1-31)**

Read out loud as a group, 3-5 verses per person. Let everyone know they can opt out if they would like. **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU INTRODUCE SOME OF THE HISTORICAL CONTEXT OF THE BOOK OF JUDGES AND THE JUDGES CYCLE WITH YOUR GROUP.**

### **Breaking it Down**

- All questions should be utilized as appropriate based upon group dynamics to facilitate both understanding and discussion. Don't feel tied to the questions and don't feel like you have to get through every question. Follow the Spirit's lead! All questions are a matter of perspective in some way BUT there are specific questions that this is truer of and these questions have been indicated to be perspective/opinion questions.

### **Judges 3:1-4**

- Would you characterize spiritual growth as difficult or easy? Why?
  - This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.
- In what ways was God growing the Israelites up?
  - God was not only equipping and empowering the Israelites for battle, but He was also testing their loyalties and devotion.

- In what ways is God currently growing you up?
  - This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.

### Judges 3:5-11

☐ How does Judges 3:5-6 explain what happened in Judges 3:7?

- The Israelites lived among other nations and those nations lived among the Israelites. Rather than the Israelites being a strong influence for the Lord on those other nations, the other nations were actually a strong influence over Israel away from the Lord. As a result, the Israelites forgot about the Lord and were on mission for themselves and their own agenda.

- Think about some of the different contexts in which God has placed you. Do you tend to influence the people around you towards God or do you allow the people around you to influence you away from God?

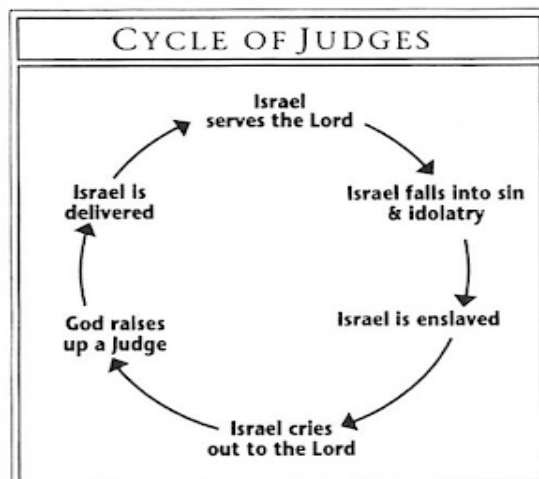
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- In what ways are you able to see God disciplining the nation of Israel? In what ways can you currently see God disciplining you to draw you closer to Him?

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### Judges 3:12-31

☐ What cycle do we continue to see repeated in this passage?



- How are you and I similar to the Israelites and the pattern they fell into? What can we do to avoid falling into this pattern?
  - These are perspective and opinion questions so please listen as the facilitator.
  
- Why is it significant that the text references that Ehud was a left-handed man and what does this indicate about the nature of God and His deliverance?
  - Most men fought with their right hand. In fact, being left-handed was known to be a weakness among many of that time. It is interesting that the very thing known to be as a weakness was actually going to be the instrument through which God worked to deliver the nation of Israel from the rule and hands of Eglon. The story of Ehud teaches us so many things but consider the following.
    - God doesn't function and operate like we function and operate. What we consider to be weakness, God works through to bring about His will.
    - God's deliverance is going to unfold in ways that we quite possibly never envisioned and/or expected.
      - In what ways have you seen God mightily work through your or other people's weaknesses?
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### **Final Application**

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

### **Closing & Prayer Requests**

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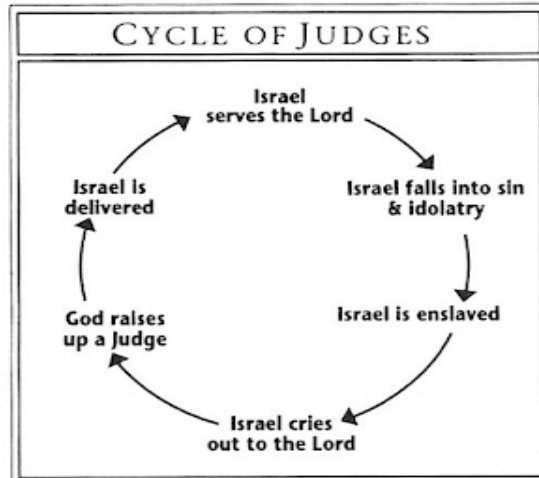
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