



JUDGES CHAPTER 2 (FACILITATOR)

Discussion Starter

- What is something that you need to be reminded of frequently?
- What is one of the most important things you have ever forgotten?
- **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 2:1-23)

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 2:1-5

- What is the historical significance of Gilgal and Bochim in Judges 2:1?
 - Gilgal was the place that the Israelites camped after they crossed over the Jordan River. It was a place of celebration; celebration of what God had done for them including God bringing them into the land that He had promised. Bochim literally means "weepers," and this location signifies what the people had done with the covenant that God had made with them. They had not honored their part of the covenant and the angel of the Lord

going from Gilgal to Bochim represents how far the people had fallen and gone away from the Lord.

- In the times that you have struggled in your relationship with God and/or have gone away from Him, what or who has brought you back to Him?
 - This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.

Judges 2:6-10

- While Joshua has already died, this section is recounting God's perspective on the time of His people during the leadership of Joshua.
 - In the times when your relationship with God has been solid and/or going well, what are some things that have characterized these times?
 - This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.
- Notice verse 10. How does something like this happen? God's chosen people literally going from this season of prosperity and following God to a generation arising who doesn't know anything about the Lord or what He did for His people?
 - This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.
 - What things should verse 10 teach us about our leadership, love, and teaching as disciples of Jesus today?
 - Some of the things that we should consider in light of verse 10 are the following.
 - Are we being intentional in equipping and empowering those around us to "own and live their faith," rather than relying on us for the faith?
 - Are we being intentional in leaving legacies of faith for those around us?
 - Are we being intentional in equipping and empowering Christian leaders who are ready to take our place and fill in the gaps when we are no longer around?

Judges 2:11-15

- This is both a sobering and somber period for the Israelites, a period which unfortunately, they are going to consistently repeat. What sticks out to you about this passage? In what ways have you had similar seasons in your own life?
 - These are perspective and opinion questions so please listen as the facilitator.
 - In what areas of your life do you need to embrace the discipline of God?
 - This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.

Judges 2:16-23

- When do you typically get complacent or comfortable in your relationship with God? How do you think you can avoid getting complacent in your relationship with God?
 - These are perspective and opinion questions so please listen as the facilitator.
- What does the following statement mean? God is faithful even when we are unfaithful.
 - God will always hold up His end of the deal. He will always pursue us, always love us, and always move according to His will and in our best interest.
 - How do you embrace God's faithfulness rather than your own mission and agenda on a daily basis?
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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

- Have a designated person to capture and share (as appropriate) within the life group.
- What happens in life group, stays in life group.
- Don't forget get to confirm the next meeting date and time
- Also recruit someone to do the story for the following week (Judges Chapter 3)

JUDGES CHAPTER 2 (STUDENT)

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- **Opening Prayer**

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Final Application

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