



JUDGES CHAPTER 5 (FACILITATOR)

Discussion Starter

- What is one of the best things you have ever celebrated? How did you celebrate?
- **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 5:1-31)

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 5:1-5

- What is significant about Deborah's celebration in verses 1-5 and what does this teach us as disciples today?
 - Deborah is celebrating God's deliverance of the nation of Israel. This is extremely important because she recognizes that this rescue and deliverance did not happen by chance or accident nor was it due to the power of the Israelites. The victory belonged to God alone. This should teach us to intentionally remember and celebrate the deliverance that God has brought us. This type of remembrance and celebration do not take

place by chance or accident just like God's deliverance hasn't happened by chance or accident.

- What are one or two things that you can do this week to celebrate God's rescue and deliverance of you?
 - This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.

Judges 5:6-14

- Why do you think Deborah intentionally recalled the condition of Israel prior to God's deliverance in verses 6-8?
 - Deborah understood that it was important for her to lead in modeling the importance of remembering what God rescued them from and why they needed to be rescued. Their condition before God's deliverance also did not happen by accident and Deborah realized that this reality needed to be acknowledged.
 - In what ways do you seek to remember where and what God has rescued you from and why do you think this is important?
 - These are perspective and opinion questions so please listen as the facilitator.
- Consider the first part of verse 8 that says, "When Israel chose new gods, war erupted at the city gates." What implications do you think this has for us today as disciples?
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Judges 5:15-23

- What happened with all the tribes of Israel regarding being unified in battling their oppressors?
 - It is evident that while many of the tribes of Israel were unified in battling their oppressors, there were other tribes who simply didn't show up to battle because of indecision or because they chose to stay at home on the sidelines.
 - What excuses do you make for not fighting for your own relationship with God?

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- What excuses do you make for not fighting for your brothers and sisters in Christ when it comes to their relationships with God?
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Judges 5:24-31

- What is the significance of Jael being contrasted with Sisera's mother and why is this important to understand?
 - Prior to Jael killing Sisera, she would not have been looked to as a woman of prominence in any way. Sisera's mother however was looking at herself and her people as waiting for the victory that she thought was going to be brought through her son. The Lord obviously had different plans and used His power through an obscure and relatively unknown woman. All of this is extremely important to understand because God frequently works in ways that we do not envision or expect and frequently works through people that we may not envision or expect.

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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