



JUDGES CHAPTER 17 (FACILITATOR)

Discussion Starter

- What is the weirdest thing you have ever seen?
- What is the weirdest thing you have ever heard?
- **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 17:1-13)

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 17:1-6

- The rest of the book of Judges details how far Israel has drifted from God. What happens in chapter 17 is a small reflection of how Israel attempts to craft God into who they desire Him to be rather than accepting Him and following Him as He is.
- Why is Micah's mom's response to him stealing money both odd and ungodly?
 - The text doesn't indicate in any way that there were any consequences to Micah's sin, stealing from his mom. Rather, the text does indicate that Micah's mom is actually rejoicing and celebrating that her son has returned

the money and the way in which she chooses to rejoice is by leading her son further into sin by making an idol with the money.

- In what ways did Micah's mom lead him astray? What lessons can you and I learn from this today?
 - These are perspective and opinion questions so please listen as the facilitator.
 - What is significant about verse 6?
 - This verse is significant because it points to what has been taking place throughout the entire book of Judges. The people of Israel consistently seek to do what they think is best and make these decisions according to what they want rather than what God wants.
 - In what ways are you and I similar to the Israelites?
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Judges 17:7-13

- When Micah asked the Levite to be a priest in his home, what would we expect the Levite's response to be?
 - The Levites were supposed to be the religious teachers and leaders of Israel. They were the ones who were supposed to be drawing the Israelites closer to the heart and mind of God. As a result, we would expect this Levite to not only reject Micah's offer but also correct and teach him about the shrine of idols that he has in his home. However, this isn't at all the response that the Levite has. The Levite actually accepts the offer of Micah and becomes a priest in his home, a home that is devoted to idol worship.
- Notice what Micah says in verse 13. What does this reveal about Micah and his attitude about God?
 - Micah believes that God can be manipulated into who he desires Him to be for his own fulfillment and satisfaction.

- In what ways have you tried to make God into who you want Him to be? How can we more fully accept God for who He is and also surrender and submit to who He is?
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Closing & Prayer Requests

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