



JUDGES CHAPTER 18 (FACILITATOR)

Discussion Starter

- What are the advantages of being stubborn?
- What are the disadvantages of being stubborn?
- **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 18:1-31)

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 18:1-6

- What is the significance of the text saying that there was no king in Israel?
 - The significance of the text stating this is that God's people were not taking counsel from Him, but they were taking counsel from themselves, what they wanted, and what they desired.
 - In what ways do you need to more fully pay attention to God's counsel and wisdom rather than your own? What hinders you from doing this?

- These are perspective and opinion questions so please listen as the facilitator.
- Why were the Danites seeking an inheritance of land when God had already provided them with a land of their own?
 - The Danites seeking an inheritance of land had everything to do with not driving out the people that God had commanded them to drive out. As a result, they sought out other land that was easier to conquer than what God had intended for and given to them.
 - In what ways do you seek the easy way when it comes to following God? In what ways can you more fully claim what God has promised you?
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Judges 18:7-18

- Why did the Danites choose the land of Laish to go in and conquer and what lessons can we learn from their decision?
 - The Danites chose Laish because it was a safer option to conquer than what God had already given into their hands. For you and me today, God calls us to grow, and growth rarely happens in what is easy and safe, so our challenge is to trust in God regardless of what He calls us to, to know that He leads the way in fighting battles and providing victory.
- What is significant about the Danites taking an army of 600 to engage in battle for Laish?
 - The Danites obviously desired to engage in battles on their own terms rather than trust God. It wasn't that they weren't willing to fight but they were seeking to fight how they thought and felt was best.
 - Are there any ways in which your actions reflect that you trust yourself more than you trust God? What can you do about this?
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Judges 18:19-31

- What is the significance of the of the idol that Micah built regarding its impact on the tribe of Dan?
 - The Danites continued to use the idol in their worship of God as long as the house of God was in Shiloh. Micah's idol had ripple effects for those around him long after he was gone.
 - In what ways do you want your faith to impact those around you in positive ways?
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Closing & Prayer Requests

- Have a designated person to capture and share (as appropriate) within the life group.
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- 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 19)



JUDGES CHAPTER 18 (STUDENT)

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Judges 18:1-6

- What is the significance of the text saying that there was no king in Israel?
 - In what ways do you need to more fully pay attention to God's counsel and wisdom rather than your own? What hinders you from doing this?
- Why were the Danites seeking an inheritance of land when God had already provided them with a land of their own?
 - In what ways do you seek the easy way when it comes to following God? In what ways can you more fully claim what God has promised you?

Judges 18:7-18

- Why did the Danites choose the land of Laish to go in and conquer and what lessons can we learn from their decision?
- What is significant about the Danites taking an army of 600 to engage in battle for Laish?
 - Are there any ways in which your actions reflect that you trust yourself more than you trust God? What can you do about this?

Judges 18:19-31

- What is the significance of the of the idol that Micah built regarding its impact on the tribe of Dan?
 - In what ways do you want your faith to impact those around you in positive ways?

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