



Judges Series Study Sheet

Week 1—April 14

Message Title: Introducing Judges

What is your perception of the book of Judges? What do you think it is about? What images or thoughts come to your mind when you think about this book of the Bible?

If you have read through Judges, share your impression from reading it. What themes or issues stood out to you?

Read Judges 2:6-19. This is a synopsis of the whole book. What is the basic plot?

According to the passage above, how are the following people/groups portrayed in Judges:

- Israel
- God
- The nations around Israel
- The judges themselves

According to v16, what is the primary role of the judges?

Judges describes “the Canaanisation of Israel” (Daniel Block), the gradual compromising of Israel’s faith through the influence of Canaanite gods. Like Israel, we live within a culture that worships many idols. In what ways can we become “Canaanised” by having our allegiance to God compromised through the influence of our culture and its gods?

Can you share from personal experience how you have struggled to remain faithful to God in the face of other gods/idols?

In spite of Israel’s unfaithfulness, Judges is the story of God’s endless faithfulness, patience and mercy toward Israel. How have you experienced God’s faithfulness in your own life, in spite of your own failure and unfaithfulness?

What questions do you have about Judges that you hope to be answered during this series? If you want to, pool them and send them through to Reuben: reuben@shore.org.nz . He may be able to answer them during the series.

How do you hope to be changed through this series on Judges?