



Judges Series Study Sheet

Week 2—April 21

Message Title: Faithfulness in the Land

Text: Judges 1:1-2:5

If you have time, read Judges 1:1-2:5. If you want a condensed version, read 1:1-3, 19-26, 2:1-5.

Compare and contrast the story of the man from Bethel in v22-26 with the story of Rahab in Joshua 2:1-4, 8-11. What differences do you notice? What does this tell you about Israel's influence by the Canaanites in the book of Judges?

According to Joshua 23:11-13, why did God stop driving other nations out before Israel?

What might it have looked like practically for Israel to ally itself with the nations around it and become influenced by them? Try to imagine what this might have meant on a day-to-day level for an Israelite family or person.

Just like Israel, we can also be influenced and lead astray from God by the culture we live in. Reuben gave the example of the *superficial* nature of our culture and how it affects our lives.

What examples can you observe of the superficiality of our culture and society?

In what ways can our relationship with God and our Christian lives (and churches) become superficial? Can you share a personal example of how you have experienced this?

Read Judges 2:4-5. How can Israel's response to God be a model for us to follow? What would this look like practically for you?

What steps can you take to cultivate depth in your relationship with God?

Reuben talked about the value of having a regular time of solitude with God, incorporating Scripture and prayer. If this is something you practice, share your experience.

If you don't have a regular time of solitude with God and you want to, how could you implement this habit in your life? Think practically...time, place, content.

Are there things that could help your time with God to become more fruitful? Is this a season where you need to change the practice a bit, or is it working well?

How can we develop deep spiritual practices like solitude, prayer and Scripture without them becoming legalistic and driven by guilt and obligation?