



Judges Series Study Sheet

Week 9—June 16

Message Title: Lest We Forget—Keeping Faith Alive

Text: Judges 9

Read Judges chapter 9.

There are many factors that contribute to unfaithfulness in the book of Judges and in our own lives. Being able to identify them and consider these within the context of living for God today is important. One writer says that, *“reflective Christianity involved questioning what you believe while continuing to believe what you are questioning* (R. Olsen).

As a group explore the things about Christianity that have tripped you up and sustained you in your faith Journey.

Unpack the following quote, with reference to keeping faith alive:

“The choice that Adam and Eve make represents the archetypal fault line that exists in the world. God has created a world, but we have chosen to live in it as if he were not reliable or trust worthy. As a result, we no longer experience the world as a safe place, but rather a threatening one. Managing danger is our chief preoccupation”.

How does fear shape the direction of your life?

What messages does our culture communicate regarding the mitigation of fear?

“The life of discipleship is fundamentally one of risk, one relinquishing familiar habits and relying instead on God’s provision.” (Simon P Walker. *An undefended Life*)

What does risk mean for a follower of Jesus?

Augustine, on his life-long reflection on the meaning of Christian discipleship, stated: “For when there is a question as to whether a man is good, one does not ask what he believes, or what he hopes, but what he loves.”

What do you deeply care about?

What does human flourishing look like as participants in God’s love mission to his broken world?

“God is in charge but not in control, and God allows whatever happens but not everything is according to his perfect will” (R. Olsen)

How does the statement above relate to how you view God in relationship to His world?

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