



Judges Series Study Sheet

Week 18—November 24

Message Title: A Community of Compassion

Text: Judges 21

Read Judges 21

Choose either the women of Jabesh-Gilead or the women of Shiloh and place yourself in their experience. Imagine and share what it would have been like to be on the receiving end of this treatment at the hands of other Israelites. What would you have thought/felt? How would you have responded?

Can you identify any parallels between the treatment of people in this chapter and the treatment of young people, women and minorities in our culture today?

Reuben mentioned that we often withhold compassion from those we feel don't deserve it. Do you find yourself doing this? Share examples of people who we fail to show kindness to because they have made poor decisions themselves.

How can we balance the need to draw healthy boundaries in our lives and prevent ourselves from being taken advantage of, with the call of Jesus to show kindness and compassion to those around us whether they deserve it or not?

How have we made showing compassion into a "big thing" that can only be done by people with lots of time, passion, money and resources?

"Quote from book" Discuss this statement together. How can you practice kindness and compassion toward those you come across in the course of your everyday life—be practical!

Share examples of doing small things in great love as individuals and as a group that reflect the compassion of Jesus.

What have you learned from this series in the book of Judges? What major things stand out for you? How has it challenged or encouraged you in your journey of faith?

As a wrap up to the series, read Hebrews 11:32-34. Why are the Judges in v32 (who were hardly models of virtue) listed as examples of faith?

Now read Hebrews 12:1-3. How can the book of Judges lead us to Jesus? What does it mean practically to "fix our eyes on him?" How can you make this real in your life this week?