

## Small Group Week 9

Watch Video: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/judges> (7 minutes)

- Video Questions;
  1. A main theme in the book of Judges is Israel's sin cycle and their tragic failures, but what should we not lose sight of on the part of God? Answer: God's Faithfulness despite Israel's Failures!
  2. Judges 2:10 is a heartbreaking verse. How was it possible for a whole generation to not know what the Lord had done? What was the result of this next generation not knowing of God's faithfulness?
  3. Every time Israel was caught up in sin, what did it lead to? Answer: Bondage
  4. Who was Gideon? Jud. 6:11-8:32
  5. Who was Jephthah? Jud. 11:1-12:7
  6. Read Jephthah's vow in Judges 11:30-31. He evidently was expecting an animal to walk out first. While there is some debate about what actually happened to his daughter, it helps us to reflect on some of the vows we've made to the Lord. Has anyone ever made any foolish vows that you wish you hadn't made?
  7. Samson made many mistakes! What're some practical applications that we can learn from some of his failures? Topics to consider: Weakness for Women - Jud.14:1-3, 16:1-22, Passion for Women - Deut. 7:3, Anger - Jud.16:1-31, Spiritual Blindness - Jud. 16:21, Shallow/vengeful - Jud. 15:3,11
  8. Read Judges 21:25. It's clear what has been causing all of these problems for Israel. Who should Israel have looked to as their king, to lead them?
- Starter Question Suggestions to keep the conversation going
  1. Can you relate to anything that you read this week?
  2. Did you see any parallels in this week's reading between anyone from pop culture and anyone in this book?
  3. What're some of the things that you might've done if you were born with Samson's strength?

Feel free to keep the conversation going with any of your own questions.

- Prayer Requests/Pray
- Suggested reading for next week; Ruth 1-4