

## **Judges Week 2: (2:6 - 23) Sermon Outline**

**ISRAEL'S PROBLEM:** *A new generation rose up after Joshua that did not know the Lord and did not remember the Lord's work*

### **MAIN POINT 1: THE ROOT OF ISRAEL'S PROBLEM (vv 6 - 10)**

Joshua's generation failed to pass along their faith to the next generation

- The priests failed in their task of teaching (Leviticus 10:11)
- Israel's "corporate worship life" of feasts and festivals lost its meaning and became empty ceremony.
- Parents did not teach their children (Deuteronomy 6:4-9)

### **MAIN POINT 2: THE FRUIT (or result) OF ISRAEL'S PROBLEM (vv 11 - 13)**

This new generation *turned away* from God and *turned towards* the perverse and hyper- sexualized gods of Canaan.

### **MAIN POINT 3: GOD'S RESPONSE TO ISRAEL'S PROBLEM (vv 14 - 20)**

The Lord's anger was kindled against them

The Lord was gracious towards them

- He was moved to pity by their misery
- He provided Judges
  - (although it didn't really help in the long run)

**CONCLUSION:** *The ultimate inadequacy of the Judges to affect any real or lasting change in the life of Israel reveals the need for "a greater Judge". The failure of the Judges points us to the necessity of Jesus.*

## **Judges Week 2: (2:6 - 23) Community Group Discussion Questions**

- 1) "The Root" of Israel's unfaithfulness was that one generation failed at passing along their faith to a new generation. Share your experiences (both positive and negative) with how the generation before you either did or did not pass along their faith to you.
- 2) We said that the only thing necessary for one generation to lose the faith of their fathers is for "nothing" to happen. No plan. No intentionality. Talk together about how you are planning to pass along your vital, life-giving relationship with Christ to the generation coming after you.
- 3) We said that there is no "neutral" in the gearbox of the human heart. We are either moving closer to God, or we are moving away from him. What are some of the "false gods" in our culture that entice us away from faithfulness? How does the gospel empower us in turning from those false gods to the one, true God?
- 4) God reacted to Israel's unfaithfulness in two ways. A) He was angry, so his hand was against them. And then B) he was moved to pity and compassion, so he sent Israel respite through Judges. Discuss your reaction to a God who sends severe discipline to purposefully create misery in the lives of his people. How is this grace?
- 5) Even when God in his grace sends Israel a new Judge, the revival is always short-lived. How does the failure of Israel's Judges point us to our need for Jesus?