

Westwood Baptist Church *Grounded. Growing. Going.*

Worship Guide for November 13, 2022

Sermon Notes

The Promised King When There Was No King: An Overview of Judges

*In those days there was no king in Israel.
Everyone did what was right in his own eyes. Judges 21:25*

The book of Judges, by anyone's standard, is R rated. Idolatry, death, deception, slaughter, human sacrifice and betrayal, illicit sex and scandal saturate the pages of this book. The reasons for this abysmal situation are many, but it is summarized with this statement: *In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes. Judges 21:25*

The most shocking feature in the book of Judges, however, is not the abysmal sinful state of God's people, but the amazing grace and mercy of God. God's patience, compassion and steadfast covenant love shine against the dark backdrop of the Israel's sin. The work of the judges, as flawed as they are, is the means by which God repeatedly delivers his people, recalls his promise of a good king, and ultimately points us to the promised King - Jesus Christ.

The Biblical Context: The Book of Judges in God's Redemptive Plan

The Covenant Relationship

The Unfulfilled Conquest

The Funeral of Joshua

The Big Problem: The Downward Spiral of Sin

Spiritual Amnesia

Sin's Slippery Slope

Surprising Compassion

God's Provision: Judges in the Right Time and Place

Barak (Deborah)

Gideon

Jephthah

Samson

Applications:

Weekly Discipleship Guide

Know

**What does God intend for me to know?
In your journal, use the following prompts to write
some truths that stood out from this week's message.**

I never knew...	I was reminded...	A question I still have...
I was challenged...	I was convicted...	A truth I could share...
I was encouraged to...		I need to dig deeper into...

Be (Consider)

**What does God's Word lead me to prayerfully consider?
In your journal, use the following questions to write
some prompts to use in praying through this week's passage.**

Is there a command to obey?	Am I convicted to confess any sin?
How am I compelled to exalt God?	Is there a sin to avoid?
Is there a promise to claim?	How do I need to rest in Jesus/the gospel?
Is there a principle to follow?	How can I pray for someone else?
Is there an example to follow?	What am I compelled to love or desire?

Do (Yield)

**How does God's Word call me to yield my life? In your journal, write
your answers and thoughts in response to the following questions.**

What can make the slow fade of compromise difficult for us to see in our own life? How should this press us into the church?

Do you sense a heightened urgency for the whole church body to be intentional in discipling young people? Why? What are ways we all can do that?

How can the book of Judges serve as both an encouragement and a reality check for us in our context today?

*Use this guide to help you internalize this week's message & to prepare for Life Group.

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Upcoming Events

November
17 Red Cross Blood Drive-10:30a.m.-3p.m.
22 Thanksgiving Service @ 7p.m.
24-25 Church Office Closed
27 Christmas Decorating (after service)
December
3 Women's Min Christmas Event
4 Kid's Christmas Program @ 6p.m.
7 Member's Business Meeting @ 6:30p.m.
12 GS: Surviving the Holidays @ 6:30p.m.