

5. Judges 1:1–2:5 chronicles how the Israelites of Joshua’s generation failed to drive out the Canaanites for lack of faithfulness to their mission and faith in God. What part does God’s judgment for their failure play in the outcome described? Before answering, first read and consider the summary of their failure and God’s words in 2:1-5.

6. We live among the “Canaanites” today. We are not called to drive them out. In fact, they are our mission field. Yet, if we are honest, their idols are often a snare to us. We all fail at times, but what helps you remain diligent and faithful with the onslaught of idols in our world (e.g., sex, money, power, prestige, etc.)?

7. How can we tell the story of God in ways that impact the next generation?

8. Looking back over this week’s sermon and study, what one thing is most important for you to remember and apply?

SERIES: The Promised Land (Joshua & Judges)

SERMON 5: “Why Judges?”

TEXT: Judges 2

DATE: October 31/November 1, 2015

READING JUDGES

- This is not a book of _____.
- Things go from bad to _____.
- Where’s the _____?

WHY JUDGES?

9. “God does not require _____ in order to do good work.” (Eugene Peterson)

10. There is only one true human _____ in the Bible story—Jesus, God the Son.

There is a _____ to every hero throughout history.

11. Our salvation (deliverance) is an act of _____.

12. There is a battle going on for your soul and the souls of the next generation, and there are no _____ in the battle.

13. The key to victory is to truly know _____.

Joshua 2:7-11; Deuteronomy 6:20-21

They were called to _____ the hearts of their kids with the heart of God through the story of God.

Our words and our _____ need to tell a great story to the next generation.

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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Judges 2

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week’s sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. What is your family “story”?

3. What are your impressions of the book of Judges?

4. The words of Judges 2 are haunting to parents and anyone else who cares about the faith of the next generation.

And the people served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great work that the Lord had done for Israel. ...And there arose another generation after them who did not know the Lord or the work that he had done for Israel. (Joshua 2:7,10b)

What went wrong?