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BOOK: Judges

Opening Questions:

- a. How can you tell if someone knows something?
- b. What is hardest test you have taken? Name some issues that made it difficult.
- c. Describe a practice you consider “evil” versus just “bad”
- d. Name something that isn’t good for you, but you refuse to give up.

Discussion Questions:

Chapter: 2:

- 1. Who is the angel of the Lord? (Exodus 3:2-6, Genesis 16:7-10)
- 2. Is there any connection between Gilgal and what the angel of the Lord declares here? (Josh. 4:20, Josh 5).
- 3. What instruction was given to the people of Israel? What were the consequences of their disobedience? (Deut 12:3, Deut 7:2, Josh. 23:15)
- 4. When the people wept were they truly repentant? Have we seen this behavior before? (2 Corinthians 7:10). Can you give an example in a modern context of this principle?
- 5. Which generation is referred to in verse 10? (Numbers 13:31)
- 6. In what way might they have not “known” the Lord? Whose responsible for the lapse?
- 7. From the text, identify the actions that were called “evil.” (Josh 24:16–18, 24)

- 8. Summarize the cycle described in verses 11-19. Why do you think the people followed God while Joshua and the elders were alive, but then turned away after they died?
- 9. Name some factors why the Israelites turned to idol worship.
- 10. Discuss factors as to why the new generation did not know the Lord. Is anyone responsible?
- 11. What were the Baals and Asherah's? Is there anything about them that made them especially abhorrent to God? (Jer. 19:5, 1 Kings 16:31-33, Deut. 12:3)
- 12. Describe the “test” in verse 21.

Chapter 3

- 13. Do verses 1-6 change your understanding of why the Israelites could not drive out some of the pagan nations in chapter 1?
- 14. Do you agree with God's strategy of allowing the nations to remain to “test” the Israelites? (Lev 26:37; Deut 28:25.) Does he do this today?
- 15. Given the listing of the nations in verse 3, which tribes were affected? Are any of the nations familiar? (Exodus 3:8; 23:23; Deut 7:1–2)
- 16. How would you characterize the Israelite response to the test? (verse 6) (Josh 23:12; Ex. 34:16; Deut. 7:3)
- 17. How long were the people under the King of Mesopotamia? Why?
- 18. How was Othniel successful? How did the Israelites benefit?