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Week #4
Study Guide

Joshua & Judges

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Overview

The books of Joshua and Judges cover the time period when the Israelites move into the Promised Land. Through the leadership of Joshua, God reveals his faithfulness to those who obey him and put their trust in him. The book of Judges reveals the cycles of the Israelites unfaithfulness, God's punishment, the Israelites cry for help, and God's deliverance.

Scripture Study – Key Passages

Open your Bible and read the following passages:

Joshua 1:2-9

1. To whom is God speaking in this passage? Why did God select him?
2. What is God asking Joshua to do?
3. What promises has God kept?
4. What does God promise to those that study his Word?
5. What does this say to you about continuing your reading through the Bible?

Joshua 2:11

1. What does this passage reveal about God's faithfulness?
2. What do you think God wants you to learn from this passage?
3. How can being familiar with this passage help you next time you are in a difficult situation?

Joshua 15:13-19 and Judges 1:12-15

1. Why do you think this story is repeated in both books?
2. What does Acsah ask for?
3. What is Caleb's response? Why do you think he grants her request?
4. What does this say to you about asking God for what you need?

Judges 2:16-19

1. What does God continue to do for his people?
2. How do the people respond?
3. Why does God send flawed individuals to lead his people? How might this perpetuate the cycle of sin, punishment, prayer & forgiveness?
4. How is it possible to stop this cycle?
5. What does this reveal about how much the Israelites need God?

Key Concepts

1. God keeps his promises. Refer to ***Joshua 21:43-45***.
2. There is no victory without God. Refer to ***Joshua 7***.
3. God held the Israelites accountable. Refer to ***Judges 2:20-23***.
4. God loves his people and provides for their needs. Refer to ***Joshua 10:12-13***, and ***Judges 15:18-19***.

Reflection

The Israelites have finally returned to repossess the Promised Land as God promised them. God continues to openly reveal his love for his people and his expectations of them. Reflect upon our required dependence on God in order to receive his promise of victory over our enemies.

Prayer

In studying our Bibles, we see that God is faithful in answering the prayers of his people. Spend some time in prayer with God asking him to fill the specific needs of:

1. Yourself.
2. Your family.
3. Your neighbor.
4. Your small group.
5. Your pastor.
6. Your political leaders.

*"When the princes in Israel take the lead, when the people willingly offer themselves – praise the Lord!" The Song of Deborah, **Judges 5:2***

Homework

Read **Joshua 6:1-5**, in preparation for the sermon on Feb. 5/6, "*Jericho: Lesson in Trust.*" Mark words, or phrases, that stand out to you.

Notes & Reflections:

