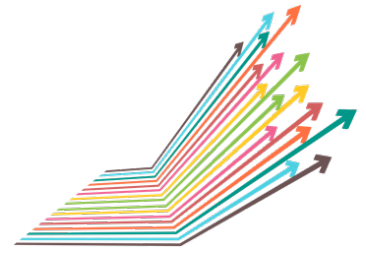


Sermon Discussion Guide

July 11TH, 2021 — Judges 3:1–6



Discussion Questions:

- The book of Judges is a 'spiraling' book – God's people sin, experience judgment, repent, and then seemingly begin the cycle all over again. What are some of the sins that God's people seem to be spiraling in today in 2021? (focus on God's people – we expect the world to be the world, but what sins seem continually to beset the people of God?)
- God often tests His people in Scripture. Have you ever experienced God's testing in your life (or the lives of those around you)? Were there any benefits or growth that you think may have come from that testing?
- Do Christians see themselves as warriors? Do you? Why or why not?
- What are the dangers of forgetting we are in a war or in tribulation? How can forgetfulness leave us vulnerable?
- What are some practical (and biblical) ways we can prepare ourselves for spiritual battle? How do we 'gear up' as a Christian?
- Identify some of the "pagan gods" (idols) that you struggle with in your life (use personal examples, don't use easy ones that apply to other people). We are called to mortify these idols in our lives – how can we identify and purge these idols from our lives?
- Challenge: pray for persecuted Christians, those in a specific group or country if possible.