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### **Community Group Questions: Judges 3:12-30**

- Do you think we take peace for granted? If not, why not? If so, why do you think it's so easy for us to forget the cost of peace?
- Do you think we tend to grow complacent during times of peace? Why or why not?
- Many people struggle to see how a "gracious God" could be so violent in this part of the Bible. But others struggle to see God's grace when he lets evil rule without being defeated. They point out it would have been a failure of grace to allow these oppressive nations to continue hurting so many people with their wickedness. How do you deal with God's strong action in Judges?
- There is a common saying in the recovery community that, "When you see someone about to hit the bottom, you need to raise the bottom." It's a way of suggesting that tough consequences can motivate people to make critical life-saving changes. Why do you think we struggle to make those big changes on our own?
- Have you ever walked with someone who was crying out to God for deliverance from the consequences of their own mistakes? How did you hold the tension between loving support and tough love?
- It has been suggested that idols are not objects. Instead, idols are beings/things/systems we depend on for provision, protection and meaning. When our idols break our hearts through broken promises, how can God put us back together again?
- John Calvin said that the human heart is an "idol factory." Can you think of some examples of idols in our culture? Why do you think we make idols so easily out of so many things?
- It has been written that those who ignore history are destined to repeat it. Do you think we ignore the lessons learned in other generations? Why or why not?