

# **The With-God Journey**

**Date: April 16, 2023**

**Text: Judges 1-5**

**Title: Everyone Did What Was Right in Their Own Eyes**

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## **Small Group Questions**

Optional Opener: What is a challenge you're facing in your life? How might God be inviting you to grow spiritually through this challenge?

Read the final verse of Judges 21:25. What does this verse tell us about the entire theme of the book? How is this verse relevant to our cultural moment?

Pastor Francis Chan says, "The world is going to be the world. Will the church be the church?" How might we be the church for such a time as this?

Read Judges 3:7-11. What is the pattern we discover in this text that repeats throughout the book of Judges?

Just as the people then were susceptible to falling into the trap of the cycle of sin, so we are as well today. What rhythm or practices might you implement in your life to guard against the temptation to do what is right in your own eyes?

In the opening five chapters of Judges we meet leaders like Othniel and Deborah who God raised up to guide the people back to God. What qualities did these people possess that made them effective leaders or judges? What kind of leaders are needed for the church today? How might you become more of a leader like this?

Close by praying for each other.