



Faith Community Church
Right and Wrong
(Judges, Part 9)

Faith Group Questions
& Discussion Guide



Opening Prayer: Invite a group member to pray, asking God to open everyone's hearts to hard truths and to give the group courage to align their lives with His standard.

Icebreaker: Share a time when you tried to assemble something without following the directions. How did it go?

Key Points

1. Israel's decay didn't happen because they abandoned morality altogether, but they replaced God's objective standard of right and wrong with their own definitions.
2. When we demand to worship God on our own terms, our "faith" becomes a self-centered, compromised, pagan religion.
3. A society that throws off God's moral restraint and authority will inevitably progress toward deep depravity, devaluing human life and abusing the vulnerable.
4. Cultural renewal and spiritual healing do not start with the repentance of the secular world, but with the humility, prayer, and repentance of God's own people.

Discussion Questions

1. Did you build an early warning boundary, do an armor audit, or practice radical transparency? Tell us about it!
2. The Israelites weren't trying to do what they thought was *wrong*—they were doing what they thought was *right* by their own definitions. Where do you see our modern culture making this same shift today? (Judges 21:25, 2 Peter 2:10-22)
3. In Judges 17, Micah and his mother mixed devotion to the Lord with literal idols and custom-made religion. What are some subtle ways we try to worship God on our own terms rather than His? (Galatians 5:1-15 - expand the "circumcision" idea to include man-made rules we place on salvation.)

4. The story in Judges 19 is intentionally shocking and gruesome. Why do you think God chose to preserve such a dark moment in Scripture for us to read today? (Matthew 23:1-31, emphasis on vs 3)

5. The pastor mentioned that when you stand firm on biblical truth today, you are often labeled as "intolerant." How have you experienced this pressure, and what makes it difficult to speak the truth in love? (John 15:18-21, Matthew 5:38-42)

6. Look at **2 Chronicles 7:14**. Why is it easier for us to point out the sins of our wider culture rather than looking internally to repent of our own "wicked ways" and compromises? (Matthew 7:1-5)

7. The sermon ends with a call to be the "new minority." What does it practically look like for our small group to support one another in standing firm without compromising or retreating from the world? (Hebrews 3:7-14)

Practical Applications

1. **Audit Your "Altars"**: Spend time in personal prayer this week asking God to reveal any "Micah-style" compromises in your life. Identify one area where you have been trying to follow God on your own terms (e.g., your finances, relationships, or time) and explicitly surrender it back to His word. Take one step to sanctify your altar.

2. **Commit to Objective Truth**: Intentionally replace secular intake with biblical truth. When faced with cultural hot topics or moral dilemmas this week, pause and ask, "*What does God's Word say about this?*" rather than relying on gut feelings, social media trends, or what "seems right" to the world. Find specific verses that apply.

3. **Faith Group "My People"**: Use the framework of **2 Chronicles 7:14** to do a small group session of repentance. Pray and confess to each other, *with* each other, areas of compromise. Then commit to holding each other accountable to walk as "light." Consider holding a fast (a meal, a day, or more) in preparation for this session.

4. **Individual "My People" practice**. This week, practice personal confession daily, asking God to heal our families, our churches, and our land. Commit to a daily rhythm of praying for revival, beginning with yourself. Consider setting a reminder at 7:14 daily.

Closing Prayer: Heavenly Father, forgive us for the times we have pursued what is right in our own eyes, and grant us the humility to return whole-heartedly to Your unchanging truth. Protect our hearts from cultural compromise, and empower us by Your Spirit to stand firm as a bold, loving witness to a broken world. Amen.