

Ehud: God's Unexpected Deliverer

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Group Questions

1. From Judges 3:12–14, what do we learn about God’s role in Israel’s suffering? How does this challenge our view of trials in our own lives?
2. Why do you think God chose someone like Ehud — a left-handed, seemingly weak man — to deliver Israel (v. 15)?
3. How does Ehud’s weakness point us forward to Christ’s “weakness” on the cross (1 Cor. 1:18–25)?
4. The tribute Israel paid to Moab was called a “minḥâ,” often used for offerings to God. What does this show us about the spiritual cost of idolatry and compromise?
5. Ehud’s “secret message” (v. 19–20) was ultimately a word from God. How is God’s Word like a “two-edged sword” (Heb. 4:12)?
6. Why do you think God often uses surprising, even strange, methods to accomplish His will? Can you think of times in your own life when God worked in an unexpected way?
7. Ehud escaped while Eglon’s servants hesitated. What does this reveal about how God uses even human foolishness to accomplish His plans?
8. After Ehud’s victory, the people finally followed him (v. 27–30). What does this teach us about leadership and obedience to God’s appointed rescuer?
9. How does Ehud’s temporary deliverance contrast with the permanent salvation Jesus brings (Gal. 4:3–7)?
10. In what areas of your life do you struggle to trust God’s “unexpected ways”? How can looking to Christ give you confidence in His deliverance?