

THE PLAN

12. The Judges
(Judges)
November 28, 2021

Story Coordinates (Joshua 24, Judges 1:1)

People (Who is the story about?)

Place (Where is their home?)

Presence (How can they meet with God?)

Purpose (What did God tell them to do?)

What Did They Do?

- Instead of _____ the Canaanites, the Israelites _____ them. (Judges 1:27-33)

What Did God Do?

When Israel abandoned God's plan, he stopped _____ for them. (2:1-3)

- The Israelites _____ God and _____ the Canaanite gods instead. (2:10-13)

When Israel abandoned God _____, he stopped _____ from their neighbors. (2:14-15)

When their _____ became too _____, God inspired judges to deliver them. (2:16-18)

- Once they were delivered, the Israelites became _____ sinful and rebellious _____. (2:19)

The Moral of the Story

- Compromising with sin _____ pulls us away from _____.
- The longer we spend on our own path, the _____ we _____ from God and his character.
- Even when we rebel, God still _____ us and _____ us.

Spoiler Alert:

- No matter how far you have drifted, you have _____ in the _____ of Jesus Christ. (Luke 1:76-79)

Small Group Questions

1. Getting Started:

- What did you find most interesting about the sermon this week? The most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
- Have you ever started strong on a project and lost momentum by the end? How did the project turn out?

2. Into the Bible (Romans 6:11-18)

- Verses 11-14: What does it mean to count yourself dead to sin?
- How is this command similar to the command to drive out the Canaanites? How are the consequences similar if we fail to obey?
- Verses 15-16: Paul says here that we either be slaves to sin or slaves to righteousness. Why isn't there a third option? Why can't I be a slave to myself?

- Verses 17-18: What is the "pattern of teaching that has claimed our allegiance?" How does it set us free?

3. Going Deeper

- What are some of the more common treaties we make with sin? How do those treaties lead us deeper into sin?
- How can we tell when we have drifted away from God's plan? How can we tell when God's actually fighting *against* us?
- How can we help each other to finish the war with sin?

4. Prayer

- Pray for each other's war with sin.