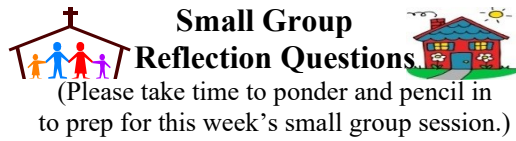


Message Outline
Idolatry in Society
Judges 17-18



(Please take time to ponder and pencil in to prep for this week's small group session.)

Intro: Studying Judges since mid-August...

- Judges: life in dysfunctional days!
- Shifting gears from leaders (Deborah, Gideon, Jephthah, Samson, etc.) to society...

17:1—Ephraim, a key tribe in Israel...

v.2—The breakdown of the family is the breakdown of the community...

- Son stealing from mom and her blessing?!!

v.3-5—Would the God who said “don’t make idols” be honored by this idol (cf. v.13)?!!

v.6—Repeat storyline...when “truth” turns to personal opinion/actions...

v.7-8—The role of Levites in OT...

v.9-13—Micah hires the Levite for idolatry...

- Despite the “God” language (v.13), this is NOT God’s design...

18:1—Danites discontented with land allotted...

v.2-6—Overhearing a familiar voice and being told what we want to hear (v.6)...

v.7-10—Waring against a peaceful people group and claiming this is what God wants?!!

- Danger in putting words in God’s mouth!

v.11-17—Stealing and looting Micah’s house before stealing and looting Laish...

- Small crimes leading to bigger crimes...

v.18-20—From questioning to helping in heist.

v.21-26—The one who stole from his mom gets stolen from and can do nothing to stop it.

v.27-31—Society gone wrong on so many levels even among God’s people!

- Tribe of Dan’s negative legacy in the rest of the OT/NT (cf. Rev.7:4-8)...

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

- see Kyle Idleman *Gods At War* book on idols...

GROUP GAB WEEK!!!

An open week to catch up in conversation as a group. No new Chosen episode to watch this week. Instead play a game, talk about life, pray together—whatever the group decides, so long as we remember the intent of small groups, which is “to grow in our faith and in our friendships.” Perhaps think thru these below reflection questions as a starter...

**God is at work in this world. Where did you “see/sense” Him this week?*

**What has most captured your attention at this point in *The Chosen* series?*

**Is there a character in this series you most see yourself in? Why?*

**What’s your thoughts at this point on the portrayal of Jesus? Does He seem Biblical? Make-believe? Something else?*