

Message Outline
Sexual Abuse in Society
Judges 19

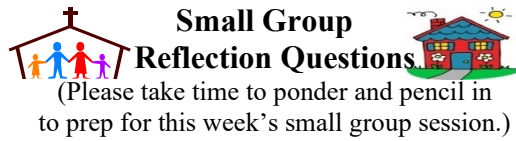


Intro: Nearing the end of our Judges study...
• From bad to worse...the downward spiral of the plot of Judges...
-What happens in a world absent of God's authority (21:25)...

- v.1—What's a Levite and a concubine?
 - God's intent in marriage (Gen.2:24)...not polygamy!
- v.2—Marriage gone wrong...anger? adultery?
- v.3—"Speaking kindly" but not acting kindly as we'll see...be aware of the smooth talk!
- v.4-10—Ancient hospitality norms...
- v.11-13—The late start is a key detail...
- v.14-21—No hotels, needing hospitality, and one older man who meets the need.
- v.22—Story eerily similar to Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen.19)...
 - People of God acting pagan...
- v.23—Duty of hospitality to protect guests from "wicked, vile" act...
- v.24-25—What?! God's plan was to protect, not pawn or push women out the door like these men do (Gen.2:21-22).
 - "do what seems good to you" shows the messed up standards of society...
- v.26—A night of horror no one should have to endure and collapsing close to door...
- v.27-30—A calloused and cutting response...
 - Limbs to tribes to spark reaction...

Lessons on Sexual Abuse in Society

- 1) _____
 - Sex sales and stats shows somethings not right.
- 2) _____
 - God's plan for human sexuality...
- 3) _____
 - Sexual brokenness and God's intervention (Jn.8, Rahab, Bathsheba, 1Cor.11, etc.)



Small Group Reflection Questions
(Please take time to ponder and pencil in to prep for this week's small group session.)
**God is at work in this world. Where did you "see/sense" Him this week?*

Read: John 2:1-12

**What questions/observations do you have about Jesus' first miracle? Why do you think He chose this miracle as miracle #1?*

Movie Review: Ep.5 "The Wedding Gift" (~50min.)

**What do you notice about social expectations in this social wedding event?*

**In this episode, Jesus reassures Thomas that while it's good to ask questions, we won't always understand the answers or even get the answers. How do you handle this? Do you have a specific question unanswered currently?*

**John the Baptist to Nicodemus: "He [Jesus] is here to awaken the earth, but some will not want to waken. They are in love with the dark. I wonder which one you'll be." Do you have a name of someone you long to see awakened but seems to be in love with the darkness currently?*

Pray specifically for that person and opportunities with that individual this week!