

**Message Outline**  
*Brother vs. Brother*  
**Judges 20-21**



**Intro:** Nearing the end of our “upbeat and uplifting” sermon series...

- The Book of Judges often an example of what NOT to do...
- The sexual abuse of last week’s story ties into this week’s events (cf. Jdgs. 19)...

**20:1**—Only time Israel seems to do something “united” in Judges...

**v.2-7**—The Levites tale with intentional edits.

**v.8-11**—The response is war...

- Did the people of God consult with God in this major decision?

**v.12-14**—Sending a delegation to first deal with issue...Benjamin responds with war!

**v.15-17**—400,000 vs. 26,000...

**v.18**—“Should we” not “which will” seems a more appropriate first question to God...

**v.19-25**—40,000 lost in first 2 battles...

**v.26-28**—New depth of inquiring with God...

- Sometimes the victory doesn’t happen immediately...3<sup>rd</sup> day!

**v.29-48**—Tribe of Benjamin decimated and details of the battle...

- Excessive? Israel has second thoughts...

**21:1**—Rash vows prompt dumb decisions yet again (cf. Jdgs. 11).

**v.2-3**—Asking God the “why” when we are the ones to blame (cf. Prov.19:3)...

**v.4-7**—Trying to find wives for Benjaminites...

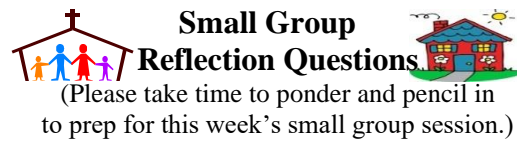
**v.8-24**—Exterminating city, wife-knapping...not God’s guidelines for finding a spouse!

**v.25**—Judges is a society where people call the shots, living by their “truth” not God’s truth...it doesn’t end well, does it?!!

**Troubleshooting Judges (v.25)**

1) Problem: \_\_\_\_\_  
Solution: \_\_\_\_\_

2) Problem: \_\_\_\_\_  
Solution: \_\_\_\_\_



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

**Read: Matthew 8:1-4, Mark 2:1-12**

*\*What amazes you about these miracles of Jesus?*

**Movie Review:** Ep.6 “Indescribable Compassion” (50min)

*\*In this episode there is a LOT of compassion shown to many different individuals. What is compassion? How did Jesus teach and show compassion?*

*\*Leprosy is one of the major diseases in Jesus’ day that left a person cut off from community and struggling with a sense of personal dignity. Are there any “like” situations in our society today that would leave individuals feeling that way? How would Jesus treat them?*

*\*Do you have a favorite miracle of Jesus (either in the Bible or seen on The Chosen)? Why that particular one?*