

“2nd Introduction”

Sermon Notes

- The Book of Judges presents the people of Israel as a nation which, though aware of its ethnic and religious unity, was determined to self-destruct. The Canaanization of Israel proceeded inexorably as the Israelites . . .
 - . . . forgot the LORD who saved them, (Judges 2:6-10)

 - . . . forsook the LORD who loves them (Judges 2:11-13),

 - . . . and forfeited the blessings which the LORD had promised. (Judges 2:14-15)
 - In the face of the LORD's wrath, they exhibited sorrow without repentance. (Judges 2:16-19)

 - They were tested and found wanting (Judges 2:20-3:6).

Community Group Study Questions

For the Week of December 4th - 10th

This week, we're going Swedish. For those who are not familiar, the following Bible study technique is known as "The Swedish Method". It's simple, remarkably fruitful, and it will keep your personal or group study on track as you review the text from this Sunday's sermon in Judges 2:6-3:6. Try it out!

What shines out to you in this passage? Every time we read the Bible, God will be reminding us of things we've forgotten, and showing us things we haven't seen before.

- What stands out?
- What is blindingly obvious that the author is getting across?

Did these verses raise any questions as you read?

- Does anything confuse or baffle you?
- What is unclear to you?

Where do we see Jesus Christ in these verses? Look to see what helped you see more of Jesus and his cross, his death for your sins, his resurrection, his reign, his return, or anything that moved you to love him more.

How does this passage apply to my life today? Identify and commit to something you sense the Spirit is leaning you to do in obedience to the text. Make it specific enough that you can do it this week, and make it personal enough that you yourself can do it – and not someone else. For application, think through these questions:

- Is God teaching me something?
- Is God telling me to stop doing something I am doing?
- Is God correcting some wrong thinking or behavior?
- Is God preparing me to live more effectively for him?

Share what you have learned! Identify a specific person you might connect with in the next week, and think about a time you could bring this particular truth up with them.