

Season 1 Study 10: The Judges Generation

THE BIG YEAR

A Journey through God's Word

What has been the most interesting part of the Big Year for you so far in terms of what you've read or learnt? Is there anything you find confusing, discouraging or upsetting?

1. Are there any significant spiritual leaders and 'heroes' who have had an impact on our country and culture? Have any had a particular impact on you?

READ JUDGES 2:1-5

2. How did God plan to 'discipline' Israel? Did this mean He was breaking the promises He made to Joshua's generation? (see Joshua 23:11-13)
3. Why did the people of Israel weep when they received this message from the Lord?

READ JUDGES 2:6-10

4. What did the people of Israel do after Joshua 'dismissed' them? How was this all a fulfillment of God's love and grace to them? (See Deuteronomy 6:10-12)
5. In what ways was Joshua's leadership successful, and in what ways did he fail?
6. How are we to understand verse 10? How is it possible that the next generation didn't 'know' the Lord, or His mighty deeds?

READ JUDGES 2:11-15

7. What sins did Israel commit, and what were the consequences? Was this fair?

READ JUDGES 2:16-19

8. Why did God raise up judges to save the Israelites, according to vs 18? Does this surprise you?
9. Does God still raise up 'judges' today? If you say yes, can you name any? If you say no, why not?

READ JUDGES 2:20-23

10. The stories of the judges remind us that no flawed human being can truly bring significant salvation. Some bring relief for a season, but the wickedness of man is such that it's just a matter of time before we fall into sin again. So in what ways is Jesus the 'better judge'? How does He fulfill everything the judges were supposed to be, and more?

In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes. (Judges 21:25)