



## Sermon Discussion Guide

### Everyone Did What Was Right in Their Own Eyes - Tim

11/21/21

#### Leader Preparation

1. Take some time to look over these questions ahead of time. Choose the ones that you want to make sure you cover with your group. We have highlighted what we think are **key ideas/questions by bolding them.**
2. Pray for your group and your time together as you prepare. This is so helpful!
3. When meeting online you as the leader will need to be more directive than in person. Don't be afraid to invite everyone to answer a question, invite them to share by name, and thank them when they finish. The online format requires a little more intentional orchestrating than an in-person group.
4. Try to start the gathering by getting everyone talking at least once to begin. The Hook section is great for this. When in doubt, have people share stories about their past. (How the week was, favorite memories about the topic for the day, etc). This is a great way to help your group continue to get to know one another.
5. Next, look at the Scripture and what it means. We believe Jesus is discipling people through this Word. Get people into the Scriptures and the Scriptures into people!
6. Finally, end with what God is saying to people and how God is inviting them to respond. These aren't just ideas to know but realities to live in!



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#### Hook - Getting to know one another

- How is everyone doing this week? This could also be an icebreaker question related to the topic for discussion.
- **Disclaimer before you read the text: This passage is very dark and violent. This story could be triggering for people who have dealt with past trauma and abuse.**
- Start by praying for understanding. Ask God to show you his intention in reading this story.
- Spend a few minutes thinking about injustice you've seen in and out of the Church. Where do you long to see God bring justice?
- What have you learned from being in Judges together this fall?

#### Book - Scripture

- Read the scripture, and discuss a few questions to understand **what the text is saying**.
- Read Judges 19-21
  
- Check-in: Ask how people are feeling after reading the passage?
- What is the tone of this passage?
- Look at the Levite man in this story; What does the author tell us about him? What do we learn about his character?
- How does the man respond to the abuse and death of his concubine?
  - How do the tribal leaders of Israel respond?
- Many times in Judges it says "They had no king and they did what was right in their own eyes" Where do we see that statement reflected in the actions of the Israelites?



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#### Look - Connections to our world today

- This section focuses on implications about **what this text means** about what's wrong in the world, about trusting God, about who God is, etc.
- Why do you think the Israelite tribes acted/responded the way they did?
- What point do you think the author is trying to make by including this story?
- What do you think this story is supposed to bring out in the audience?
  - How are we to react?
- Why do you think God wanted this story in the Bible?
- How does this story start to point us to the coming of Jesus?

#### Took - Personal Application

- This application focuses on **how God is calling us to respond**. This could be personally, as a family, small group, or church. It could be something to believe, to meditate on, to say or do this week.
- After reading this, what do you think God might say about the sin and injustice around us today?
- On Sunday, Tim shared that "God's intention in this story was to be ruthlessly honest about sin" What does it mean for us today to be honest/raw about the sin history of those who follow Jesus? Both us and others.
- What have you learned about God's fierce grace and love while reading Judges?
- How has your understanding of God changed after going through Judges?

#### Time of Prayer