

Small Group Study Guide: Judges 4-5

The Battle Belongs to the Lord

Week Of May 10th-16th

Introduction Question

What is a nursery rhyme you remember?

Discussion Questions

1. What did the people of God do (again) and how did God respond? (Judges 4:1-5)

2. What from chapters 4-5, Judges 17:6; Judges 21:25 and Hebrews 11:32-34 do we learn about:

Judges 17:6 “In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit.”

Judges 21:25 “In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit.”

Hebrews 11:32-34 “And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies.”

- Israel's cycle of sin:
- Deborah:
- Barak:

- Sisera:
 - Jael:
 - The Battle:
3. Deborah, Barak and the soldiers were asked to trust God when it didn't make sense. How do we prepare ourselves for this kind of battle?
 4. How dangerous is it to allow sin to get comfortable in our lives?
 5. Why do we hesitate to listen and act upon God's Word?
 6. What idols do you think we are prone to worship?
 7. What is the difference between expecting God to be on our side of a battle and us being on His side?
 8. What weapons does The LORD give us in fighting His battles? 2 Corinthians 10:4, and Ephesians 6:10-17
2 Corinthians 10:4 “The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.”

Ephesians 6:10-17 “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”

9. What does it mean that Jesus is the ultimate deliverer willingly taking the nails to defeat sin, Satan and death?

Discuss the following quotes that were in the Sermon

"Sir, my concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right". Abraham Lincoln

"Sin will take you farther than you want to go, keep you longer than you want to stay, and cost you more than you want to pay" Unknown source

"If Jesus didn't think he could handle life without knowing the Scripture inside and out, what makes you think you can? Tim Keller

"The purpose of prayer is not to change God but to help us surrender to His will and to trust in Him"

Application

Deborah and Barak sang a duet in praise of God's glory. Spend time sharing where you have seen the hand of God work mightily. You might consider taking alone time and writing your own song of praise to God.