

## Week 8, Judges

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

1. The Israelites\_\_\_\_\_.

2. In key moments \_\_\_\_\_came upon those He called.  
(6:12, 14, 16, 23, 34, )

3. God \_\_\_\_\_in the midst of the pattern.

## SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Just as the Israelites had patterns, we too, often share in those cycles of disbelief and sin. Can you recognize the patterns in your own life that reoccur? What sins do you revisit and continue to entertain?  
Read a suggested list below or add your own, asking God to make you aware of trenches you continue to dig.

Bitterness

Discontent

Insecurity

Doubt

Anger

Lack of Forgiveness

Small belief or lack of faith

Limiting Love

Determining my own rules for life rather than seeing God's heart as best for me

Immorality, lack of pure heart

Covetousness

Comparison

Share biblical truth with each other that can fortify your mind and soul as you choose to take a route focusing on God, rather than your "pattern" . Help each other with Scripture and Truth that strengthens you and reminds you who God is.

For ex. Doubt - The LORD is with you, mighty warrior. Judges 6:12  
Trust in the Lord with all of your heart. Prov. 3:5,6  
Pray and ask without doubting. James 1:5-7  
Fear not, I am with you. Isaiah 41:10

A prayer for your examination and reflection at home: Psalm 51:10-19

2. Review the story of Gideon 6:12-27, 7. Has God ever reduced your resources to create dependence? Do you remember some key moments that God empowered you to live into his purposes?  
Share about what happened.

One by one He took them from me,  
All the things I valued most,  
Until I was empty-handed;  
Every glittering toy was lost.

And I walked earth's highways, grieving,  
In my rags and poverty.  
Till I heard His voice inviting,  
"Lift those empty hands to Me!"

So I held my hands toward Heaven,

And He filled them with a store  
Of His own transcendent riches  
Till they could contain no more.

And at last I comprehended  
With my stupid mind and dull,  
That God could not pour His riches  
Into hands already full!

- Martha Snell Nicholson