

Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: When We Decide

Message: Who God Uses

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Memory Verse: Judges 2:16-17 NIV

Then the Lord raised up judges, who saved them out of the hands of these raiders. Yet they would not listen to their judges but prostituted themselves to other gods and worshiped them. They quickly turned from the ways of their ancestors, who had been obedient to the Lord's commands.

The goal of these questions is to foster meaningful discussion and to encourage participants to reflect on God's Word and lead to heart transformation. Feel free to modify or expand upon these questions based on the dynamics and needs of your Small Group.

Big Idea: God uses unlikely and weak individuals to display His power.

Read Judges 3

1. The Israelites forgot God and instead served other gods (v 7). Why do you think people, then and now, tend to forget God? What are some modern idols that are easy to serve without even realizing it? What are some ways to combat idolatry and keep God as the center of our lives?
2. In the narrative of Othniel, we see the first instance of Israel's pattern of forgetting the Lord, serving other gods, and crying out to Him in distress, which led to God raising up a deliverer (vv 7-9). How does the constant fall and redemption of the Israelites reflect human nature? What does it say about God that He keeps responding with mercy, even after repeated failures?
3. Disobedience brought pain and difficulty, which eventually caused them to cry out to God for help (v 9, 15). Why do you think it sometimes takes pain to move us toward God? When have you experienced God's faithfulness after a



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time of drifting?

4. Othniel was old, and Ehud was physically disabled. How do their stories speak to the way God works through weakness and limitation? In what aspects of your life do you struggle with low confidence? How could God use your “weakness” as a gift to others?
5. Othniel received a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit to accomplish a task by God (v 10). Today, the Holy Spirit is something that all believers perpetually have. What areas of your life feel like they require more than your own strength? Galatians 5:22–23 lists the fruit of the Spirit. Which of these do you see growing in your life? Which do you struggle with?
6. When the nation returned to the Lord, the land experienced peace for a season (v 11, 30). What have you found is different about your life during seasons where you are experiencing closeness with the Lord? Considering any areas of unrest or anxiety in your life, what can you do this week to surrender them to God and usher in a season of peace?
7. Ehud acts courageously on his own, when he returns to King Eglon to deliver a secret message (v 19). Is there an area in your life where God might be calling you to take a courageous step of faith this week, even if it means doing so independently or without immediate visible support? Are there any communities in your life where you feel like the only Christian? How can you be courageous like Ehud in these spaces?
8. Ehud calls the people to action to join him in a battle where the Lord has provided victory (v 28). God’s promises invite our participation, not passivity. How do you tend to respond when you sense God prompting you to act? Is there an area in your life where you’ve been asking God to move but He might be waiting for you to take a step of obedience?

Reach out to anyone who couldn’t participate with your Small Group and make a personal connection with them this coming week (call, text, email, or personal face-to-face conversation). Let them know they were missed, and you look forward to seeing them next time.



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