

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week 11

Judges 4 - Ruth 4 ; Psalm 71 - 77

Judges 4-21

- 1. God uses two women in Judges 4 in some really significant ways. Culturally their actions were much more likely to be carried out by a man. How can this encourage to us that God loves to use the "unlikely" and will always equip us to accomplish His will?**
- 2. In Judges 6, Gideon obeys God but does so in secret out of fear of his father's family. What are some ways we might struggle to live in obedience because of the fear of man?**
- 3. Gideon's dedication to God wanes throughout his lifetime and he even plays a role in Israel returning to idolatry (8:27). How does this serve as a reminder to us to be vigilant in our spiritual walk?**
- 4. Gideon's legacy is pretty sad. How can we be working in our own homes to pass on the freedom we have in Christ to our families?**
- 5. Samson might have been physically strong, but his strength of character was sorely lacking. In what ways are we tempted to put the physical above the spiritual?**
- 6. Read Judges 16:28. How does Samson's last cry for help show his lifelong focus? While he was chosen by God, was his heart ever devoted to God?**
- 7. The book of Judges is a sobering reminder of what life can look like when people "Do whatever seems right in their eyes." How has this book challenged you to be more receptive to the Holy Spirit?**

Ruth 1-4

- 8. Ruth's life is a beautiful story of God blessing faithfulness. Share some ways you have seen God's blessing and provision in your own life.**

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

In Psalm 73, the Psalmist describes his steps nearly going astray when he sees the success of the wicked. It isn't until he comes into the sanctuary and recognizes their ultimate ruin before God that he says "Yet I am always with you; you hold my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me up in glory." Spend some time thanking God for His presence in your life and the eternal inheritance you have in Him.