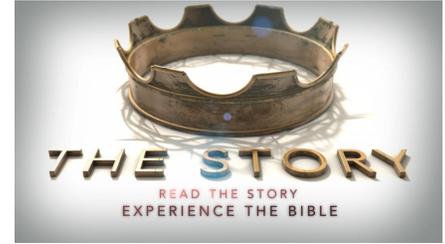


Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for April 18, 2021:
Chapter 8: Judges: A Few Good Men - and Women



For personal reflection or for use as a devotion with CGS Community or family

- **CONNECT** *with each other*

1. Begin by reflecting on/sharing a high and/or a low from your week
2. Who is your favorite superhero? What are their superpowers -- and what are their flaws?
3. Tell about a time when you felt uncertain about your abilities. How might the story of Gideon speak to anyone feeling that kind of uncertainty?
4. Tell about a time when you felt God's discipline/correction. How might your life be different today without that correction?
5. Is there an area of worry in your life where God is trying to convince you he is enough?

- **GROW** *in Christ*

12 Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord, and because they did this evil the Lord gave Eglon king of Moab power over Israel. 13 Getting the Ammonites and Amalekites to join him, Eglon came and attacked Israel, and they took possession of the City of Palms. 14 The Israelites were subject to Eglon king of Moab for eighteen years. 15 Again the Israelites cried out to the Lord, and he gave them a deliverer—Ehud, a left-handed man, the son of Gera the Benjamite. The Israelites sent him with tribute to Eglon king of Moab. 16 Now Ehud had made a double-edged sword about a cubit long, which he strapped to his right thigh under his clothing.

Judges 3:12-16

For reflection on this passage:

1. Why do you think the Israelites keep repeating the cycle of sin/rescue in Judges?
2. What practical things can we do in our homes and in the church to help the next generation know and remember what God has done in the past so they will hold on to him in the future?
3. Gideon is portrayed as weak and uncertain when God calls him to be a judge. What does that say to you about the people God uses to grow his kingdom?
4. How does God strengthen Gideon and help him press through his fears as he faces the mighty armies of Midian?
5. One of the judges God lifted up as a rescuer for His people was Deborah. What does that say to you about the people God uses to grow his kingdom?
6. Who is the other heroine in the story of Deborah? How was she able to overcome Sisera, the commander of the Canaanite army?
7. Which of the judges surprises you most as God's choice of a judge?
8. From what you know of the story of Samson, what was the root cause of his fall? (Story, pp.

112-119)

- **SERVE** *others*

You are called to follow Jesus, our ultimate Judge and Rescuer, by rescuing others for the sake of God's kingdom. What strengths will help you in this calling? What flaws that might hinder your work do you need to confess and surrender to God? Will you reach out to others, trusting God to work through you?

- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing.**