Judges (2023 Q2)

I.Announcements

- A. Easter Sunday
- B. Judges Lesson Cards and Bible Study Workbooks
- C. Goal for building launch: six classes

II.Curriculum Rollout

- A. General Feedback
- B. Feedback on Bible Study Workbooks
- C. Why Bible Study Workbooks?
 - a. Because we want our people engaging in weekly personal Bible Study
 - b. Because we want our people preparing for our weekly SS lessons
 - c. Because we want our people participating in fruitful table discussions
- D. Why Growth Grid?
 - a. Because teaching is an immense burden and responsibility
 - b. Because gracious, critical feedback is rare
 - c. Because accountability leads to progress

III.Judges Orientation

- A. Theme of the Book: We Need a King! (17:6; 18:1; 19:1; 21:25)
- B. Summary of the Book:
 - a. Introduction: Israel's Unfaithfulness Introduced (1:1-3:6)
 - b. The Judges Cycle Summarized (2:11-23):
 - i.Apostasy (2:11-13)
 - ii.Discipline (2:14-15)
 - iii.Deliverance (2:16, 18)
 - iv.Repetition (2:17)
 - v.Escalation (2:19-23)
 - c. The Judges Cycle Unfolded (3:1-16:31)
 - i.Othniel (3:7-11)
 - ii.Ehud (3:12-30)
 - iii.Deborah (4:1-5:31)
 - iv.Gideon (6:1-8:28)
 - v.Abimelech (8:33-9:57)
 - vi.Jephthah (10:6-12:7)
 - vii.Samson (13:1-16:31)
 - d. Conclusion: Israel's Unfaithfulness Reiterated (17:1-21:25)

IV.Major Teaching Topic: Finding Jesus in Judges

- A. Biblical Approach: Hebrews 11:32-12:2
 - a. Judges in the hall of faith (11:32-38)
 - b. Judges commended by their faith, but perfected through Jesus (11:39-40)
 - c. Judges among the cloud of witnesses pointing to Jesus (12:1-2)
- B. Biblical Theological Approach: Three Contexts
 - a. Look Down: The Close Context
 - b. Look Back: The Continuing Context
 - c. Look Forward: The Complete Context
- C. Basic Approach:
 - a. Fallen Condition
 - b. Redemptive Solution

V.Resources

- A. Judges: A 12-Week Study (Bible Study Workbook)
- B. ESV Expository Commentary: Deuteronomy-Ruth
- C. The Gospel Coalition Commentary: Judges
- D. Bible Talk podcast