

Small Group Discussion Guide

Series: Has it Come to This? A Journey Through Judges and the Cost of Compromise

Part 1: A Promising Start, A Cracked Foundation

BIG Idea: A cracked spiritual foundation begins with small compromises that eventually reshape our lives and future generations.

Application: Identify and remove areas of partial obedience before they become patterns of compromise that shape your life and influence others.

Discussion Questions

Icebreaker: Have you ever ignored a small problem (in a house, car, or life) that later became a much bigger issue? What happened?

1. Read Joshua 24:14–15. What stands out to you about Joshua’s challenge to the people? Why is choosing “who you will serve” so central?
2. Read Judges 1:21. What do you notice about Israel’s failure here? Why is this more than just a military issue?
3. What is the difference between outright disobedience and partial obedience? Why can partial obedience be more dangerous?
4. Read Judges 1:27–30. What pattern do you see repeated? What does this reveal about the condition of Israel’s heart?
5. The sermon said, “What you tolerate today will dominate you tomorrow.” Where do you see this principle at work in real life?
6. Read Judges 2:1–3. What specifically does God say Israel did wrong? How does this relate to covenant faithfulness?
7. Read Judges 2:10. What does it mean that the next generation “did not know the Lord”? How does this happen practically?
8. In what ways can our personal compromises impact others—especially the next generation?
9. The sermon described “divided devotion.” What might that look like in everyday Christian life today?
10. What is one area of your life where you may be tempted to “make peace” instead of fully obey God?

Prayer Prompt: Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any areas of compromise or partial obedience. Pray for courage to surrender fully, and for the next generation to truly know and experience God.

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