

Small Group Discussion Guide

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

Part 11: When Faith Becomes Custom-Made

BIG Idea: When faith becomes custom-made, we stop worshiping God as He is and begin reshaping Him into someone who serves us.

Application: Every believer must continually resist the temptation to customize Christianity around personal preferences and instead joyfully submit every area of life to the authority of Jesus Christ and His Word. Authentic faith is not edited to fit our lives; our lives are surrendered to fit God's revealed truth. As the Church, we must faithfully preserve and intentionally pass on an unedited faith to the next generation.

Discussion Questions

Icebreaker: Have you ever bought something that was "custom-made" or personalized just for you? What made it special?

1. Read Judges 17:1–13. What stands out to you most about Micah's worship? Why do you think he believed God would bless him despite clearly disobeying Him?
2. Pastor Brian said, "Society doesn't collapse first. Worship collapses first." What do you think that means? Do you agree? Why or why not?
3. Read Exodus 20:3–6 and Deuteronomy 12:29–32. How do these passages reveal what was wrong with Micah's approach to worship?
4. What are some subtle ways Christians today can begin "customizing" their faith instead of submitting to God's Word?
5. Read 2 Timothy 4:3–4, 1 John 4:1, and Acts 17:11. How can we lovingly evaluate teaching while remaining humble and teachable ourselves?
6. Why is the revelation that Jonathan was Moses' grandson so significant? What warning does that provide for families and churches today?
7. Pastor Brian said, "Faith is never inherited. It must be intentionally handed down." What are some practical ways we can intentionally pass our faith to the next generation?
8. Read Matthew 6:10, Proverbs 16:9, James 4:13–15, and Romans 12:2. What is the difference between seeking God's approval for our plans and seeking God's will before making our plans?
9. Which sticky statement from Sunday's message challenged you the most, and why?
10. What is one area of your life where God may be calling you to stop customizing your faith and instead surrender more fully to His authority?

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Prayer Prompt: Pray that God would reveal any areas where you've begun customizing your faith instead of submitting to His Word, and ask Him to help you faithfully surrender to Christ's authority and pass on an authentic faith to the next generation.