

Small Group Discussion Guide

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

Part 14: Everyone Did What Was Right...

BIG Idea: When everyone becomes their own authority, compromise becomes normal; only surrender to Jesus, the true King, can break the cycle.

Application: Stop asking only, “What seems right to me?” Bring every area of your life back under the loving authority of Jesus.

Discussion Questions

Icebreaker: What is something you once believed was right or normal but later realized needed to change? What helped change your perspective?

1. Read Judges 21:25. How does this final verse help explain the spiritual and moral collapse we witnessed throughout Judges?
2. Read Deuteronomy 12:8. Why was doing “whatever is right in his own eyes” incompatible with Israel’s covenant relationship with God?
3. The message explained that self-rule can still look religious. What are some ways a person might seek God’s comfort, provision, or blessing while refusing to surrender the final decision to Him?
4. Pastor Brian said, “We do not truly know who our king is until His Word crosses our preference.” Where are Christians most tempted to resist Scripture when it challenges what they already want or believe?
5. The sermon warned, “Half-hearted faith in one generation can become no faith in the next.” What are children and younger believers learning from the faith we actually live—not merely the faith we claim?
6. Consider the six cultural shifts described in the message: truth becomes personal, morality becomes self-defined, freedom becomes the right to answer to no one, desire becomes identity, conviction becomes intolerance, and Christianity is accepted only when it affirms us. Which of these seems most influential today, and why?
7. Judges is not primarily about the Canaanites becoming more Canaanite; it is about God’s people becoming like the culture around them. Where might the church be condemning self-rule in the world while quietly practicing it within?
8. Read Romans 12:2. What voices, institutions, media, political influences, or algorithms are most actively shaping your definition of what is normal, good, and true?

9. Jesus asked in Luke 6:46 why people called Him “Lord” but did not do what He said. What is the difference between treating Jesus as a helpful life coach and surrendering to Him as King?
10. Read Ezekiel 36:25–27. How does the gospel offer more than stricter rules or better behavior? What area of your life needs to be brought back under the authority of Jesus this week?

Prayer Prompt: Jesus, expose every place where we have asked You to advise us but refused to let You rule us. Renew our minds, reorder our desires, and help us surrender every part of life to You as our true King. Amen.