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BOOK: Judges 19-21

Opening Questions:

- a. What's the most outrageous thing you have seen someone do to get attention?
- b. If there anything that a family member could do that you would have a hard time supporting them?

Chapter 19 (Gen. 19)

1. What is God's view towards concubines? Was this an accepted cultural practice? (*Gen. 4:19; 16:2*)
2. What caused the concubine to return to her father?
3. Discuss reasons why the Levite wanted his concubine back. What took so long?
4. Is there reason the Levite preferred to stay in Gibeah versus Jebus?
5. Do you think the Levite was sincere (verse 3)?
6. Why do you think the concubine's father tried to prolong the Levite's stay? What does this say about their relationship? (vv. 4-10)
7. Why did the man offer up two women, including his daughter versus the man he had just met? Did he have any other options?
8. If you were the Levite, how would you have handled the situation in Gibeah? Did he have any other options?
9. Are there any differences between this story and Genesis 19? Explain.

10. How would you characterize the reaction of the man toward his concubine? After she returned?

11. Is there a message the Levite wanted to convey to the tribes of Israel by sending the dismemberment body of his concubine's body send? did it work?
12. Assess the passive and reactive behavior of the Levite in this passage. What do you like about him? Dislike?
13. Did the Levite relate the story exactly as it happened? Did he omit anything? Why?
14. Why is this violent story included with so few details about God's direct judgment or intervention?

Chapter 20

15. What prompting all of Israel to come together? Was anyone missing?
16. Does the unanimous decision of the Israelites reflect a united moral front?
17. Why do you think the Tribe of Benjamin chose to protect their kinsmen despite their heinous act? Does this reflect their values?
18. What do you think about the motivation of the Israelites in this whole situation? Was it pure and God-centered? Or something else?
19. At what point did the Israelites involve God in this process?
20. Describe the selection process for the fight.

21. What can be inferred from the Israelites' willingness to continue the fight even after two defeats?
22. Since they were doing the right action, why did God allow them to lose the battle twice?
23. How did this change their attitudes?
24. What strategy do they employ to win the battle?