

Promise Keeper

I have good news. We serve a God that always keeps his promises. Look back at Joshua 21:45 one more time. "Not one word of all the good promises that the Lord had made to the house of Israel had failed; all came to pass." That is truly amazing! Can you even imagine? No one has ever perfectly kept their promises. No one except God! He alone is worthy of our praise and worship. That is what makes the beginning of the book of Judges so painful and heartbreaking to read. Although God kept his promises, Israel did not complete the work God had for them. They did not drive out all the nations and it cost them dearly. One generation later God's chosen, delivered people are turning away from God and walking in the way of the nations around them: marrying their daughters and sons, worshiping other gods. It's devastating. Most of the turmoil through the rest of the Old Testament can be traced back to Israel's partial obedience. Our need for a savior is magnified as we see who God is and who we are. We need a rescuer, and yet again God will keep His promise!

Week 14

Bible Reading Plan

Joshua 14-17; Luke 17

Joshua 18-21; Psalm 15; Luke 18

Joshua 22-24; Psalm 116; Luke 19

Judges 1-3; Psalm 16; Luke 20

Judges 4-6; Luke 21

Weekly Questions

Every week, you'll see the same five content questions. Use them as a guide as you read the scriptures. Pray for consistency in your Bible reading.

1. Who are the main characters in this text and is there anyone you can relate to?
2. Is there anything from this text that we are to do (obey, believe, heed or follow)?
3. What do you learn about God in these chapters and how has that changed what you believe about Him?
4. What do these passages reveal about human nature, sin and our need for God?
5. What's the Good News found in this text?

Application Questions

Every week, you'll see five unique application questions. Use them to help live out what you're learning in scripture. Pray for life transformation.

1. Which promise of God is most meaningful to you? How has it shaped your life?
2. An idol is anything that would take God's place in your heart. Is there something (other than God) that consumes and controls your emotions, desires, and thoughts?

3. Partial obedience is disobedience. How does this statement change how you handle and respond to God's word? Does partial obedience honor God?
4. As a child of God, what blessings do you enjoy? Take time this week to name the many blessings God has poured out on you.
5. Read again Luke 19:10. Who is your "one" that you are praying for? How will you help them hear about the good news of Jesus?

Final Thought

Jesus came to seek and save the lost. He came to set us free from the bonds of our sin. He alone could rescue us from ourselves so that we can worship God alone. That is good news!