

## Judges 17-18

### 8.2.15

#### Reminders - Look over Exodus Happenings for announcements.

- **Next Steps on August 9.** Please encourage those who are not yet members to attend.
- **As Two Become One** - If you know some people in your group that would benefit from this cohort, please encourage them.
- **The City** - encourage your group to sign up and update their profiles.

#### Remember

Ask about any new people your group met at our worship gathering. Pray for our guests that they might get connected here at Exodus. Encourage your group to be aware and hospitable.

Talk through Judges 17-18.

- What stands out to you in the story?
- What stood out to you from the sermon?

#### Deepen

Brian pointed out the two sided nature of the religious heart we see in Judges 17: Doing our will in God's Way or Doing God's Will in our way. Talk about what that means and looks like.

- Micah - Doing His will in God's Way. How did you see this in Micah?
- Dan - Doing God's will in their way. How did you see this in the tribe of Dan?

How do you see this in your life?

Read the following. How do you see those two sides of a religious heart in these passages?

- Matthew 23:13-15, 27-28
- Luke 15:25-32
- Galatians 3:1-9

In Judges 18:3-6, The Men from Dan ask the Levite for advice and counsel. So, we have men who are doing what is right in their eyes asking advice from a man who is doing what seems right in his eyes.

- Talk about where this could go wrong.
- Why is this a tendency for people who are "doing what is right in their own eyes"?
- How should this inform how we seek counsel and where?

#### Transform

Read Romans 12:1-2

How does this passage guide us away from both religious errors to a gospel centered life of surrender to Jesus?

Discuss how your life needs to be lived as a living sacrifice to God - living God's Will in God's Way.

- Challenge your group to be specific.

How is following God's Will and Submitting to God's Way the path to greatest joy?