

## Judges 19-21

8.9.15

**Reminders - see Exodus Happenings on The City**

### Remember

Talk about the Judges Series. What are some things you learned that were particularly helpful?

As you consider the final chapters in light of God's relentless pursuit of his people, what does that teach you about God's character?

### Talk through Judges 19-21

What are some take away from the story? from the sermon?

### Deepen

Everyone did what was right in his own eyes. How do we see that in Judges 19-21? What are some particular ways you are prone to do that in your own life?

As we studied Judges 19-21, we see that the people of God have become like the world around them. Talk about how we see these things in this passage.

- Marriage was not valued - Judges 19:1-9.
- Hospitality was not valued - Judges 19:10-21.
- God's Natural Order is not valued - Judges 19:22-26
- Women are not valued - Judges 19:22-30

In Judges 20:4-7, the Levite tells a selective account of events to make himself look like a victim. In Judges 20-21, the elders of Israel try to navigate legalities in what they said versus the morality of stealing women (Judges 21:22). At the heart of both is the desire to justify ourselves.

- How do you see that in your own life?
- When does it tend to surface?

When we read passages like this, we can start to think that we are above what they did. How would **1 Corinthians 10:1-13** be instructive for us in this?

### Transform

How would **Hebrews 13:1-5** encourage us to value God and His Word so that we live as a distinct community in a darkened world?

What are some specific ways we can encourage one another in our marriages? If we are single, in rightly valuing marriage?

What are some specific ways we can be more hospitable? As a Church? As a group? As followers of Jesus?

What are some specific ways our group can be engaged in serving those who are mistreated and misrepresented in the world?