Judges 3

Apostasy

Application and Discussion Questions

(2 Weeks)

Part One

1. Read Judges 3:1-6. Why was it necessary for God to test Israel? Why is testing necessary for our spiritual growth and welfare? What tests are your facing in your life?
2. Why does the text focus on their marriages with the peoples of the land? What connection do these marriages have with their idolatry?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 6:14-18. What does this passage warn against? What does it mean to be unequally yoked with unbelievers? Why is this a problem?

Part Two

1. Read Judges 3:7-11. What does it mean that Israel forgot the Lord their God? In what way do you and I forget the Lord our God?
2. Israel served the Baal’s and the Asheroth. What idols do we tend to serve today? What idols to you personally tend to serve?
3. Read Proverbs 2. How does this passaged address our tendency to forget? What truths or lessons can we learn from it that would help us remain faithful to God?
4. Who was responsible for the victory over Cush-Rishathaim?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 10:13. Who provides victory over temptation? Why is this important to know and understand?
6. Read 1 Corinthians 15:3-11. To what does Paul attribute his identity and success? In what ways is God responsible for our identity and our success in life?
7. 2 Corinthians 3:1-6. In what does Paul attribute our sufficiency? How are you living in such a way as to exemplify and show that your sufficiency is in Christ?
8. Read Philippians 2:13. What truth does this verse teach about our work for God? How does this truth impact our daily lives?
9. Who is worthy of all glory and praise? How does your life express this glory and praise?

Part Three

1. Read Numbers 32:16-23. Why is it always necessary and good that our sins are exposed? Why is it good that “your sin will find you out?”
2. How do you respond when your sin exposed, either to you alone or for all to see? What should be the response? (See 2 Corinthians 7:8-13)
3. What do these stories of God’s deliverance for the people of Israel reveal to us about God?
4. How do these truths help us **grow together to become more like Jesus for the glory of God?**