

A Visitor's Guide to the Old Testament

A Quick Discussion Guide on the Book of Judges

1. There are sizeable portions of the Book of Judges that are difficult, almost embarrassing, to read. This is *not* the book *nor* are these the stories you want people unfamiliar or critical of the Bible to read. Why would God included this book and these stories in Sacred Scripture?
2. Name the six *minor* judges. Name the six *major* judges.

The writer to the Hebrews mentions four of the major judges in his "Hall of Faith" (Hebrews 11). He writes, "**And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah... the world was not worthy of them... These were all commended for their faith...**" Would you have come to the same conclusions based on your reading of the Book of Judges? What does the commentary from Hebrews 11 tell us about faith and the faithful?

3. What does the Book of Judges tell us about the human condition that is relevant for the world to hear in 2020?

What does the Book of Judges tell us about God's character that is relevant for the world to hear in 2020?

4. Can you find at least one specific instance in the Book of Judges in which the First Commandment is violated? ... the Second Commandment? ... and so on through all ten?

Find examples in which God's grace is applied in specific.

6. Write your memory passage below: