Triangle Bible Study Lesson 16: Judges 20

Warmup

• What did you learn from listening to the lecture on Judges 20?

Day 1: Read Judges 20:1-11 [Open NIV] [Open NKJV]

- 1. What was the Israelites response to the egregious acts against the Levite's murdered concubine? How many Israelites assembled before the Lord in Mizpah? (vs. 1-3)
- 2. Was the Levite man's defense of his actions truthful? Why or why not? (vs. 4-7)
- 3. How could this civil war have been prevented, and what do you learn from it? (vs. 8-11)

Day 2: Read Judges 20:12-18 [Open NIV] [Open NKJV]

- 4. What did the tribes of Israel request of those from the tribe of Benjamin, and how did the Benjamites respond? (vs. 12-13)
- 5. How many fighting men did the tribe of Benjamin mobilize and what was unique about 700 of them? What was the number of Israelites prepared to go to battle against the Benjamites? (vs. 14-17)

6. Prior to this battle, what did Israel do, and how did God instruct them? (vs. 18)

Day 3: Read Judges 20:19-25, Psalm 37:7-9, Proverbs 3:5, John 5:14-15, John 14:13-14 [Open NIV] [Open NKJV]

- 7. Describe what happened during the 1st two days of battle between the Benjamites and the rest of Israel. (vs. 19-25)
- 8. How did God answer Israel's inquiry in v. 23? Describe a time when it seemed God did not answer your prayer the way you expected.
- 9. What do you learn about God's response to prayer from the following verses?
 - Psalm 37:7-9
 - Proverbs 3:5
 - John 5:14-15
 - John 14:13-14

Day 4: Read Judges 20:26-41 [Open NIV] [Open NKJV]

- 10. Explain what happened in Bethel from today's passage.
- 11. What was significant about Bethel, and what do you learn from Israel's actions there? (vs. 26-28)

12. Summarize Israel's battle strategy against the tribe of Benjamin on the third day of fighting. (vs. 29-41)

Day 5: Read Judges 20:42-48 [Open NIV] [Open NKJV]

- 13. How did the battle between the Israelites and the Benjamites end?
- 14. How many Benjamites survived Israel's assault? (v. 47)
- 15. What happened to the rest of the tribe of Benjamin? (v. 48)

Day 6: Read Judges 20:1-48, 1 Samuel 9:21, Esther 2:5-7, Romans 11:1 [Open NIV] [Open NKJV]

- 16. After reading through chapter 20, describe the main idea to be taken from this passage of Scripture.
- 17. Write down what each of the following verses reveals about the tribe of Benjamin's legacy:
 - 1 Samuel 9:21
 - Esther 2:5-7
 - Romans 11:1