Triangle Bible Study Lesson 17: Judges 21

Warmup

• How did the lecture on Judges 21 help you better understand the passage?

Day 1: Read Judges 21:1-5, Judges 20:26-28 [Open NIV] [Open NKJV]

- 1. What oath did the men of Israel make, and why was this significant? (v. 1)
- 2. Where did the Israelites go? (v. 2) What was so special about this place? (Use Judges 20:26-28 for your answer.)
- 3. Who was obviously missing from Israel's sacred gathering in Bethel, and why was it important they join the other tribes there? (vs. 3-5)

Day 2: Read Judges 21:6-12 [Open NIV] [Open NKJV]

- 4. What caused Israel's grief? (vs. 6-7)
- 5. Summarize how Israel tried to help the 600 men left from the tribe of Benjamin. (vs. 8-12)

6. What lesson should Israel have learned by now? How will you apply this lesson or principle?

Day 3: Read Judges 21:13-19, Genesis 50:18-20, Matthew 10:29-31, Acts 17:26-27, Ephesians 1:11-12 [Open NIV] [Open NKJV]

- 7. Describe how you see evidence of God's providence in today's verses. (Divine Providence definition: *The governance of God, by which He, with wisdom and love, cares for and directs all things in the universe.*)
- 8. How have you experienced His providence in your life?
- 9. Write down what you learn about God's providence from the following cross references:
 - Genesis 50:18-20
 - Matthew 10:29-31
 - Acts 17:26-27
 - Ephesians 1:11-12

Day 4: Read Judges 21:20-25 [Open NIV] [Open NKJV]

- 10. How did the Israelites compromise the oath they made in Mizpah: "not one of us will give his daughter in marriage to a Benjamite"?
- 11. How will you apply the warning found in v. 25?

Day 5: Re-read Judges 21:1-25 [Open NIV] [Open NKJV]

- 12. What is your take-away from the 21st chapter of Judges?
- 13. Which verse/verses in Judges 21 showed God's mercy and which showed His justice? Explain how God can be both merciful and just.

Day 6: Read Deuteronomy 12:1-14, Psalm 81:11-14 [Open NIV] [Open NKJV]

- 14. What is God commanding Israel in Deuteronomy 12:1-14 and Psalm 81:11-14, and how would their obedience have prevented much heartache?
 - Deuteronomy 12:1-14
 - Psalm 81:11-14
- 15. What is your take-away from your study of the book of Judges?