

REAL LIFE CHURCH

Helping people know and become like Jesus.

101 - Joining the team class.

If you're ready to make RLC your home church or want to learn more about what we believe, this is the place for you! This 2 part class is designed to help you learn what we believe (our doctrine) as well as explain our purpose and methods as a church. In the end we hope you have all the information you need to decide if RLC is the right fit for you. Register by texting: RLC101 to (509) 339-6365 Both sessions run 12pm - 3:30pm. Lunch is included. Childcare available- please include kids info with registration.

Join a Home Group!

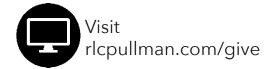
Looking to connect with Christ and others? If you answered "Yes", then a Home Group is the perfect opportunity for you! We have several different types of groups including Mixed Home Groups for singles and couples, Women's Groups, and Men's Groups. Home Groups provide an ideal place to make friends, grow in your relationship with Jesus and share life with others. Finding a Home Group has never been easier - Simply fill out your connection card and turn it in or email thad@rlcpullman.com to let us know you're ready to get connected.

Great Marriages Don't Just Happen!

SAVE THE DATE - Nov 5-7 in Coeurdalene ID. for the Weekend to Remember Marriage Getaway. Register at www.weekendtoremember.com and use RLMPullman as your code to get \$100 off!

Are you ready to SERVE?

We're excited to help you use your skills, creativity and experience to serve God and others. Whether you want to help on the greeting team, coffee bar, kids ministry, work with teens or college students, we have a place for you! If you're ready to start serving please let us know on your connection card or email us @ info@rlcpullman.com







UNLIKELY HEROES A STUDY THROUGH JUDGES

Matthew 6:30-34 New Living Translation

30 And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith?

31 "So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' 32 These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. 33 Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

34 "So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today.

Judges 1:1-3 New Living Translation

1 After the death of Joshua,

the Israelites asked the LORD, "Which tribe should go first to attack the Canaanites?"

2 The LORD answered, "Judah, for I have given them victory over the land."

3 The men of Judah said to their relatives from the tribe of Simeon, "Join with us to fight against the Canaanites living in the territory allotted to us. Then we will help you conquer your territory." So the men of Simeon went with Judah.

Judges 1:4-7 New Living Translation

4 When the men of Judah attacked, the LORD gave them victory over the Canaanites and Perizzites, and they killed 10,000 enemy warriors at the town of Bezek. 5 While at Bezek they encountered King Adoni-bezek and fought against him, and the Canaanites and Perizzites were defeated. 6 Adoni-bezek escaped, but the Israelites soon captured him and cut off his thumbs and big toes.

7 Adoni-bezek said, "I once had seventy kings with their thumbs and big toes cut off, eating scraps from under my table. Now God has paid me back for what I did to them." They took him to Jerusalem, and he died there.

Deuteronomy 9:5 New Living Translation

5 It is not because you are so good or have such integrity that you are about to occupy their land. The LORD your God will drive these nations out ahead of you only because of their wickedness, and to fulfill the oath he swore to your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Deuteronomy 18:9-14 New Living Translation

9 "When you enter the land the LORD your God is giving you, be very careful not to imitate the detestable customs of the nations living there. 10 For example, never sacrifice your son or daughter as a burnt offering.[a] And do not let your people practice fortune-telling, or use sorcery, or interpret omens, or engage in witchcraft, 11 or cast spells, or function as mediums or psychics, or call forth the spirits of the dead. 12 Anyone who does these things is detestable to the LORD. It is because the other nations have done these detestable things that the LORD your God will drive them out ahead of you. 13 But you must be blameless before the LORD your God. 14 The nations you are about to displace consult sorcerers and fortune-tellers, but the LORD your God forbids you to do such things."

For the full list of wickedness and warnings to God's people look up Leviticus chapter 18

Judges 1:19 New Living Translation

19 The LORD was with the people of Judah, and they took possession of the hill country. But they failed to drive out the people living in the plains, who had iron chariots.

Judges 1:27 New Living Translation

27 The tribe of Manasseh failed to drive out the people living in Beth-shan,[a] Taanach, Dor, Ibleam, Megiddo, and all their surrounding settlements, because the Canaanites were determined to stay in that region.

Judges 1:28 New Living Translation

28 When the Israelites grew stronger, they forced the Canaanites to work as slaves, but they never did drive them completely out of the land.

Judges 2:1a-3 New Living Translation

"I brought you out of Egypt into this land that I swore to give your ancestors, and I said I would never break my covenant with you. 2 For your part, you were not to make any covenants with the people living in this land; instead, you were to destroy their altars. But you disobeyed my command. Why did you do this? 3 So now I declare that I will no longer drive out the people living in your land. They will be thorns in your sides, and their gods will be a constant temptation to you."

	Lesson #1:	Small areas of		result in large areas of	•
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Ask yourself: Where am I saying, "I can't" but God says, "Actually, you won't."

Some modern day Canaanite compromises:

- Integrity
- Extending forgiveness
- Avoiding sexual temptation
- Being in a relationship you know you shouldn't be
- Financial Faithfulness

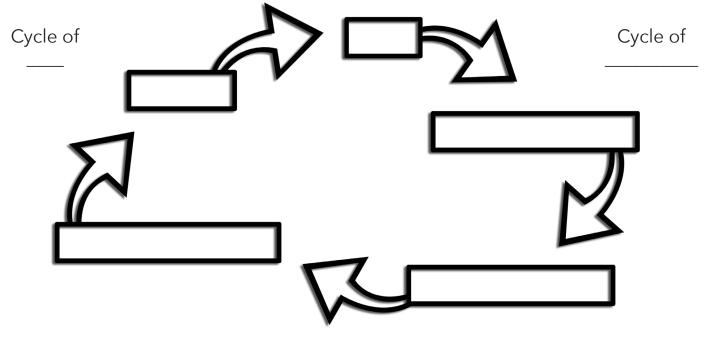
Judges 2:12-14 New Living Translation

12 They abandoned the LORD, the God of their ancestors, who had brought them out of Egypt. They went after other gods, worshiping the gods of the people around them. And they angered the LORD. 13 They abandoned the LORD to serve Baal and the images of Ashtoreth. 14 This made the LORD burn with anger against Israel, so he handed them over to raiders who stole their possessions. He turned them over to their enemies all around, and they were no longer able to resist them.

Lesson #2: We choose between the God who saves and gods that _____.

Judges 2:16-18 New Living Translation

16 Then the LORD raised up judges to rescue the Israelites from their attackers. 17 Yet Israel did not listen to the judges but prostituted themselves by worshiping other gods. How quickly they turned away from the path of their ancestors, who had walked in obedience to the LORD's commands. 18 Whenever the LORD raised up a judge over Israel, he was with that judge and rescued the people from their enemies throughout the judge's lifetime. For the LORD took pity on his people, who were burdened by oppression and suffering.



Lesson #3: Amnesia leads to _____

Judges 2:10 New Living Translation

10 After that generation died, another generation grew up who did not acknowledge the LORD or remember the mighty things he had done for Israel.

Home Group Notes

That's right! It's time for Home Groups to start kicking off. If you are a leader or attender of a group, these notes are for you. If you are not in a Home Group and would like to be, let us know, the info is on the front cover of the sermon notes. Otherwise you can use these questions for some personal reflection.

<u>Pray</u>: It is always good by having someone begin group with prayer and invite the Spirit to join in on your group. (It may help to ask someone else ahead of time, some people like to prepare.)

<u>Intro</u>: Start by catching up. Some of you may have been meeting all summer, but it's still nice to have a time to share. Have everyone go in a circle and answer these questions:

- How was your summer? What were some of the highlights?
- How is your relationship with God doing? Where do you see an opportunity to grow this year?

<u>Questions</u>: Below are some good discussion questions. You are by no means bound to them, but use them to guide your conversasions. These are a tool until they are not, use them as such.

- Have you heard any stories from the book of Judges before?
- Which story stuck out to you most and why?
- Read Leviticus 18. The Canaanites did what? God says don't what?
- Are there any small areas of disbelief you're struggling with? If left unchecked how might they turn into big problems?
- Watch the Bible Project's video about Judges on Youtube or The Bible Project website.
- How have you seen the cycle of redemption play out in your life?

<u>Pray Again</u>: You can never pray too much, but this is a good time to ask if there are anything the group can be praying for. Leaders, be sure to take some notes and pray for your groups throughout the week. Don't forget to follow up with each other when you see God working and answering prayers.