



REAL LIFE CHURCH

Helping people know and become like Jesus.

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101 - Join the team!

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 two 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. Both sessions run 12-2:30pm. Lunch is included. Childcare available- please include kids info with registration. Register by texting: RLC101 to (509) 339-6365

No service on Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 25th, there will be no service in Colfax because of the holiday. Instead if you regularly attend there, please join us that Sunday at Daggy Hall at 9 or 10:30am.

Volunteer at The Well Coffee House

Do you have a passion for coffee or serving people? We have an opportunity for you! Our coffee shop, The Well, is nearing completion and we need help blessing our community with coffee and relationship. Text COFFEE to (509) 339-6365 if you would like to get involved and serve.

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Judges 17:1-3 New International Version

Now a man named Micah from the hill country of Ephraim said to his mother, "The eleven hundred shekels of silver that were taken from you and about which I heard you utter a curse—I have that silver with me; I took it."

Then his mother said, "The LORD bless you, my son!"

When he returned the eleven hundred shekels of silver to his mother, she said, "I solemnly consecrate my silver to the LORD for my son to make an image overlaid with silver. I will give it back to you."

Judges 17:4 New International Version

So after he returned the silver to his mother, she took two hundred shekels of silver and gave them to a silversmith, who used them to make the idol. And it was put in Micah's house.

Exodus 20:4-5 New Living Translation

"You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind or an image of anything in the heavens or on the earth or in the sea. You must not bow down to them or worship them, for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God who will not tolerate your affection for any other gods. I lay the sins of the parents upon their children; the entire family is affected—even children in the third and fourth generations of those who reject me.

Deuteronomy 4:15-17 New Living Translation

"But be very careful! You did not see the LORD's form on the day he spoke to you from the heart of the fire at Mount Sinai. So do not corrupt yourselves by making an idol in any form—whether of a man or a woman, an animal on the ground, a bird in the sky,

- Any image or manmade idol of God would reveal part of God's nature but conceal other parts.
- At the heart of God's concern with idol worship and graven images is our tendency to want to pick and choose the parts of God we like.

ON YOUR OWN:

Read Exodus 25-31 to learn exactly when, where & how God instructed the people to worship. You may be surprised at how clear and detailed the instructions were.

Judges 17:6 New International Version

In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit.

It's a radical idea to trust God and follow His instructions for you in a world where everyone does what's best for themselves in their own eyes.

Judges 17:7-13 New International Version

A young Levite from Bethlehem in Judah, who had been living within the clan of Judah, left that town in search of some other place to stay. On his way he came to Micah's house in the hill country of Ephraim.

Micah asked him, "Where are you from?"

"I'm a Levite from Bethlehem in Judah," he said, "and I'm looking for a place to stay."

Then Micah said to him, "Live with me and be my father and priest, and I'll give you ten shekels[b] of silver a year, your clothes and your food." So the Levite agreed to live with him, and the young man became like one of his sons to him. Then Micah installed the Levite, and the young man became his priest and lived in his house. And Micah said, "Now I know that the LORD will be good to me, since this Levite has become my priest."

Judges 18:24 New International Version

He replied, "You took the gods I made, and my priest, and went away. What else do I have? How can you ask, 'What's the matter with you?'"

It is possible to have the gifts of the Spirit but lack the fruit of the Spirit.

What is the thing in your life, that if it was taken away, you would say... (or if your honest - think it)

- You took my god.
- What else do I have?
- Where can I go in life now?
- I have nothing left.

When you're feeling lost and not sure where to go or what to do next.

Set your heart on Jesus - He is the way

When you're confused and don't know who or what to believe.

Set your mind on Jesus - He is the truth.

When you're in the dark and scared by everything you can't see.

Set your thoughts on Jesus - He is the light.

Home Group Notes

Pray: 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.)

Intro: Lets start by reading through Judges 17 and 18 as a group.

- Remember the author of Judges isn't writing a self help book, they are just keeping record of stories in Israel during this time period.
- Why do you think the author wanted to include this story?
- What does it tell us about the Israelites?

Questions: These questions are meant as discussion starters. So use them but don't be bound by them. If one question stirs your group discussion don't feel obligated to move on to the rest. Let the Holy Spirit guide your group.

- As we have gone through this book of the Bible, do you feel God's people are gradually moving closer to Him or away? Why do you think this happens?
- Have you ever experienced gradual distance from God? How did you get through it? Are there steps to help prevent this pattern? What have you found helpful? What have you not found helpful?
- What do you make of chapter 18 verse 31? What does it mean? What does it teach us?
- Wrapping up Judges, what story or person stuck out to you most? Why?
- What do you think the big lessons are to learn during this period in history? Has it changed your thoughts in any way?

Pray Again: 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 group throughout the week. Don't forget to follow up with each other when you see God working and answering prayers.