

Judges Class 5 - Gideon, part 2 (8:1 - 10:5)

Before Reading

- Summarize the Gideon story so far.

Read Judges 8:1-21

- What is the complaint of the men of Ephraim? How does Gideon respond?
- What is the 'complaint' of Succoth and Penuel? How does Gideon respond?
- Describe this second battle that Gideon fights.
- Was Gideon's treatment of Succoth and Penuel fair? Why or why not?

Read Judges 8:22-35

- Is there a difference between what Gideon says and how he acts? If so, how?
- What happens in Israel after Gideon dies? What/who is to blame?

Read Judges 9:1-21

- Who is Abimelech and how does he come to power?
- Summarize Jotham's parable and give an explanation.

Read Judges 9:22-57

- Describe how these events play out. How is Jotham's parable fulfilled?
- What is God's purpose in all of this? How does He accomplish it?

Read Judges 10:1-5

- Who are the next two judges in Israel? What do we know about them?