

Small Group Questions for the Week of August 24, 2014

Please read Judges 17:1-18:31 (This is a longer passage than usual, but think of it as a 5 minute story.)

1. What about the story stands out to you?

2. What is significant about Judges 18:31?

Note to Leader: Travis mentioned that the Danites had set up a place of worship not far from the place of worship that the LORD had established. Travis mentioned that close wasn't good enough in this case. The Danites needed to follow the LORD exactly and not establish their own way of worshiping Him.

3. What are some ways (other than the Danites setting up an alternative place/way to worship God) that you see Micah and the Danites trying to control their own lives, and resisting God's leading?

4. Is there an area in your life that you are tempted to try to control yourself, rather than let God lead? Can you share? (You can keep it general if it is private.)

5. Micah and the Danites end up with chaos through their efforts to control their situations. Can you relate to this experience of trying to control and ending up with chaos? How did you feel when you realized you had created your own chaos?

6. Jesus regularly encountered people who were seeking to control things, rather than allowing God to lead. One of those stories involves Zacchaeus the Tax Collector. Please read Luke 19:1-9. How does Jesus respond to this man who has been ignoring God's leading?

7. How does Zacchaeus respond to Jesus?

8. What is the result of Zacchaeus' response to Jesus? (see Luke 19:9)

9. Is there an area of your life (it doesn't have to be money) where you would do well to imitate Zacchaeus by surrendering control to Jesus? Are you willing to surrender to Jesus leading right now?