

Life Group Discussion Material – Sunday, January 9th Message

The Seed of Sin (Judges 1:1-2:5)

Judges – The Cycle of Sin

1. When you read a news article that contains a heinous crime, such as a murder, do you consider the theological truth that sin is the cause of that crime? Do you ever consider how a person could go to that depth of sin, the taking of another person's life?
2. As you read Judges 1:27-36, what are your thoughts on Israel's compromise? Why do you suppose they compromised?
3. The challenge question from today's message was, *what areas in your life have you compromised?* Listed below are four areas that were mentioned in regard to compromise:

- *Essentials of the Christian faith
- *The Lordship and authority of Jesus Christ
- *Moral / ethical issues as defined in Scripture
- *Personal convictions

Pastor also mentioned reasons that Christians often compromise, which are listed here:

- *Indulge own desires
- *Ignorance of God's word
- *Fear of being different or "labeled"
- *Attempting to appear relevant

When you compare the list of potential areas of compromise with the list of reasons for compromise, do you see any areas in your life where you have compromised? If so, why? (*Please be humble and allow the Spirit to work in you*)

4. Why is compromise a sin? Read Judges 2:1-5