

## Life Group Discussion Material – Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup> Message

### The Cycle Continues (Judges 2:19 – 3:6)

#### *Judges – The Cycle of Sin*

1. The opening quote Pastor used was, “the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.” Are any of you insane or ever been insane according to this quote? (*insert humorous tone*)
2. In Judges 2:19-23, we see God’s people and an overview of the repetitious behavior that the rest of the book will examine. What are some traits that describe their behavior as you re-read these verses? (*You can go back further in chapter 2 if you want*)
3. In light of previous promises and commands that God made to His people (see verses below), do you agree with Him allowing these foreign nations to test Israel? If not, why not?  
Gen. 17:7-8  
Deut. 7:1-2; 12:1-3  
Numbers 33:50-55  
Lev. 26:14-33
4. Do you think that God should keep His promises, even the negative ones? Do you want Him to keep His promises, even the negative ones? Why?
5. One point of application was: *The object of compromise becomes your trial.* Have you ever found yourself in a struggle with a sin or a bad habit and it turned out that you really weren’t fully committed to turning from it? What happened after you realized your commitment wasn’t there?
6. In the news, we often see a celebrity who gets caught in something un-honorable. Afterwards, there is typically a press conference and a half-hearted public apology. Read 2 Corinthians 7:10-11 and James 4:1-10 and make notes of what Biblical repentance looks like. How does this differ than the previous celebrity example?
7. What stage are you currently at in the cycle of sin? What must you do?