

## Life Group Discussion Material – Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> Message

### The Slippery Slope (Judges 10)

#### *Judges – The Cycle of Sin*

1. Step #1 on the slippery slope of sin is that of ingratitude. As we look back over the book of Judges, have the Israelites actually shown any gratitude toward God in all of the deliverance that He has provided?
2. Why is gratitude so important? (*Read 1 Thessalonians 5:18*) What are some of the basic truths about God that we can always be thankful for even in the midst of suffering and/or tragedy?
3. In Judges 10:6, what was the “next level” of turning from God that Israel participated in? In response to that “next level,” what was the “next level” of judgment from God in verse 7?
4. Step #2 on the slippery slope of sin is godlessness. How does ingratitude lead to godlessness? (*Read Romans 1:21-23*)
5. Read Judges 10:11-14. Why does God give the people over to godlessness? Focus on the ironic statement that God makes in verse 14.
6. Step #3 is that God gives the people over to godlessness. Is there an application for us today from the previous question?
7. Step #4 is that God stepped back from the people. Read Romans 1:18-32. After reading this section from Romans and from the article and comments that Pastor made Sunday morning, do you personally think that the United States is under the judgment of God? Judgment being that God has stepped back from our nation.