

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Sunday, December 4, 2022

Judges 19–21

In Those Days: People without a King

We've heard the proverbial story of a frog in a pot—the water in the pot gets hotter and hotter until the frog is boiled, and the frog doesn't notice.

- What would you feel like watching that frog?
- How do you think that illustration tells the story of our world now? What do you see?

GOING DEEPER

Read Judges 19:1 and 21:25 back to back.

- How do these verses describe the book of Judges?

Review the cycles of judges we've studied in this series (Othniel, Ehud, Deborah & Barak, Gideon, Jephthah, Samson).

- What patterns do you see of the cycles spiraling downward—getting worse and worse—as everyone “does what is write in their own eyes”?

One of the most important questions you can be asked is “Who is your King?”

- How does that get to the heart of the issue?

While the narrator of Judges says, “in those days Israel had no king,” there was really a King—the Creator King and King of Kings—that they refused to listen to.

Read Judges 19–21.

- In what ways do we see the effects of what it looks like to “have no king” in this passage?

APPLICATION

What are ways that you are functionally living like you don't have a King?

If someone from the outside were watching you, who or what would they say is your King?

What areas of your life need to be brought back to the lordship of Christ?