

LAW + DISORDER

THE DAYS WHEN THE JUDGES RULED

The Anti-Judge

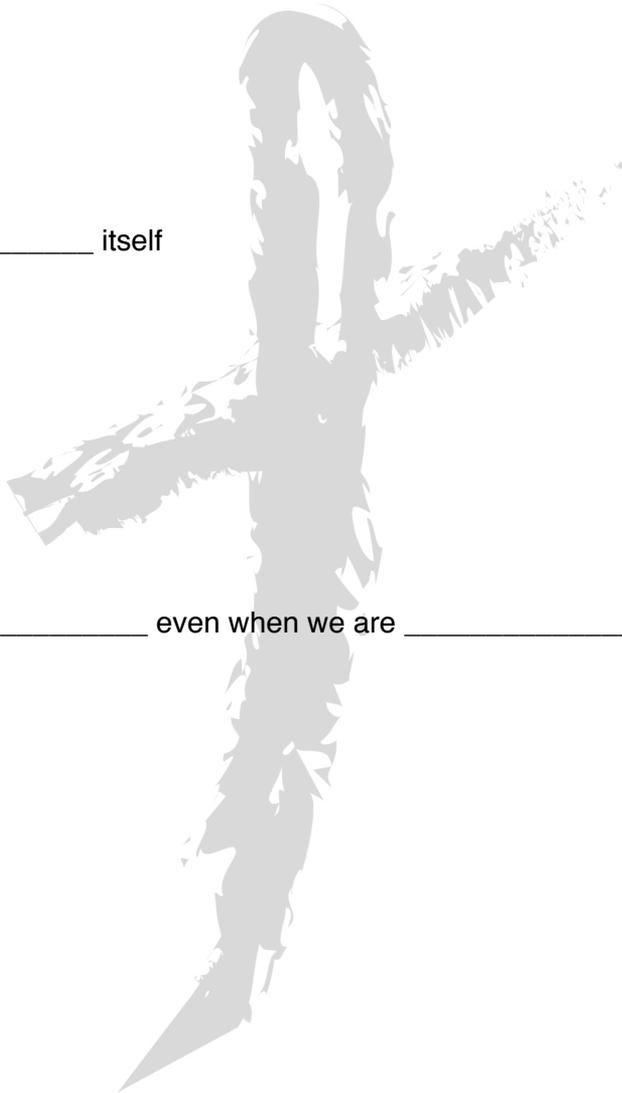
Judges 8:28-10:5

Sermon Notes

The _____ judgment of God

Evil _____ itself

God is _____ even when we are _____



Life Group Questions

Getting Started

1. Name a leader of a nation who you have greatly admired. Explain why.

Sermon

2. What is more important in a leader, competency or character?

Scripture

Read Judges 9:1-6

3. Abimelech is obviously a terrible person. Why do the leaders of Shechem declare him king anyway? Do you think nations get the leaders they deserve? Why or why not?

Read Judges 9:7-21

4. Explain the meaning of Jotham's parable? What is he trying to accomplish?

5. Sometimes we need to make a stand against people in power, whether it is at work or school or government. What can we learn from Jotham?

Read Judges 9:22-25

6. What do you think of the way God uses an evil spirit and messes with Abimelech, the leaders of Shechem, and the people of Israel?

Read Judges 9:50-57

7. God could have used many ways to orchestrate the death of Abimelech. Why did he choose this one?

Study

8. Judges 9 talks about God, especially verses 56-57, but his personal name, the Lord (Yahweh), is not used in this chapter. Why not?

- We are rejecting God in our culture today, but he is not going away. Where do you see the unseen reality of God active in our world today?

Taking It Home

Read 1 Timothy 3:1-7

9. Look at verse 1, "If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task." Does this mean that the church should select leaders who want to be leaders? Why or why not?

10. Does a leader have to fulfill every qualification on this list?

- Which are the most important?

11. Could you be a leader? Do you want to be?

Prayer

How can your Life Group be praying for you this week?