

# Growth Group Discussion Guide

## Week of November 11

### Deborah II--Strength in Weakness

**Our Scripture: Judges 4 & 5**

#### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

What is your favorite action adventure superhero? How about for your kids or grandkids?

#### DIGGING DEEPER

1. Remember the context of this two-part sermon. Read Judges 2:16. Why did God provide Judges for Israel?
2. Let's study Judges 5.
  - 5:1-2 are the introduction. What did Greg say Bible scholars call this chapter?
  - 5:11 – On behalf of what people group was the struggle being waged with King Jabin of Canaan?
  - In this Epic Saga or Ballad Deborah sings of leading some of the 12 tribes of Israel into battle. How many of these tribes are referred to in The Song of Deborah? (**Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph and Benjamin**)
  - Deborah promised that God would deliver Sisera and his 900 chariots of iron into the hands of Barak. Read 5:4 and 5:20-21 By what means did God deliver the army of Sisera?

#### MEDIA MIX--Deborah, Barak, Sisera and Jael

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=myeSLGXHt4k>

The story of Deborah, Barak, Sisera and Jael

## **TAKING IT HOME**

1. As Deborah promised, against all odds, God delivered Sisera's army and his 900 chariots of iron into the hands of Israel.

- Read II Corinthians 10:4. As we face huge challenges in life what does God want us to keep in mind?
- Read II Corinthians 10:5 What is often the largest obstacle we face?

2. The Bible can make us uncomfortable.

- How do we reconcile our faith to the violence of the Bible?
- How do you reconcile your faith to the fact that the story of Judges is that of the tribes of Israel conquering land not their own, taking over territory occupied by other tribes and nations? What does God teach us through such stories that is relevant for our faith today?

## **PRAYER REQUESTS and PRAYER TIME**

- What are your plans for the holidays? What specific prayer requests do you have as you approach this season?
- What prayers of thanks do you want to offer for this fall cycle of Growth Groups?

Prayer requests

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## **Housekeeping**

1. This is our final session in our 6-week fall series. We'll start up our winter cycle the week of January 20th. Who could you invite to our Growth Group ministry? Think of people you know who do not have a church. It is GREAT to be the church with you!