**Pastor Demetric Felton Sr. November 11, 2018**

**When God Is No Longer Our King**

Judges 21:25

**Key Truth**: When God’s people fail to recognize Jesus Christ as King and seek His guidance destruction is near.

**Israel, A Nation In Turmoil:** Judges chaps. 18-21

1. Israel refused to look to God for direction and provision.

2. Religious idolatry was widespread. Judges 17

3. Spiritual leaders compromised their calling for

 commerce. Judges 17:7-11, 18:14-20

4. Sexual perversion and crime was rampant. Judges 19:22-30

5. Truth was no longer absolute but relative. Judges 17:6-7,

 18:1, 19:1, 21:25

**Life Lessons:**

1. You can’t serve Jesus Christ and love the world’s system.

 1 John 2:15-17

2. God can’t bless what He doesn’t condone.

 A. When your actions contradict the Word of God,

 repent! Luke 3:10-14

3. Don’t just trust Jesus to take you to heaven trust Him

 with your everyday life. Proverbs 3:5-8

 A. Jesus Christ didn’t come to be a part of your life He

 came to become your life. Colossians 3:4

 B. You must believe that God’s plan for your life is far

 greater than your own. John 10:10

4. Remember that our Kingdom is not of this world.

 A. Our allegiance is to King Jesus!

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Recognize Jesus Christ lordship in your life and seek His guidance on a daily basis.

**Connection Group Homework**

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything you heard for first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Consider the phrases, “I do what I want” and “Because I can” that are common in American culture today. What is dangerous about that mindset? Does it exist also in the church? How so?

What is a situation where you have been tempted to do what was right in your own eyes instead of seeking the Lord? Why do God’s people continue to fall into this trap even today?

Read 1 Corinthians 1:18-21: What are some ways that the cross could be considered “foolishness” according to the world’s standards?

Read James 1:5-8: What causes some people not to ask God for wisdom? What does James say we must do when asking God for wisdom?

What is one thing that stood out to you during our study in the book of Judges? How do plan to apply what you’ve learned?

How can our Connection Group pray for spiritual walk with Jesus?