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CONFIRMATION LESSON

The Book of Judges

We started class with prayer and a check in to share Highs and lows of the previous two weeks.

Checked in to see if there were any questions about the previous study on Moses and Exodus

Introduction to the book of Judges:

How many judges are in this book? 12

What do we think of when we hear the word judge?

- Stern, respected, in charge, ect

What do we think the judges in the Bible were like?

- Strict,important

What qualities do we think make for a good leader?

- smart
- trustworthy
- honest

We then read Judges Chapter two and discussed what was going on in this chapter.

God is angry with the people because they have broken their promises over and over of not making covenants with other people and worshipping idols. The people keep forgetting how good God has been to them and slipping back into old habits.

We discussed how this is like our lives sometimes. How we know God is with us, but we still repeat the same mistakes, patterns that do not serve us well. The important thing to remember is that no matter what, God loves us and we are covered in his grace even though we make mistakes. God wants us to be happy and well.

We talked about people that we have as “Judges” in our own lives that God may have given us to help guide us in the everyday battles of life:

- teachers
- Counselors
- parents
- friends

We talked about tools we have in ourselves to be good leaders and help guide others

- Not liking when things are not fair
- Being able to tell your friends or others when they are making a bad choice
- Empathy
- being wise with our money and other resources

Read and discussed chapter 4 about Deborah and Barak. Talked about characteristics that made them good leaders and about what had happened in this chapter.

Ended with a video by Rob Bell called Rain. What to do when life rains on you (which it does a lot). The great takeaway from this video is that we are always covered by God. He always has our backs. As Rob Bell said over and over in the video, God is whispering in our ears, throughout the storms and battles, “ Its okay buddy, I love you, and dad knows the way home”

You can watch the video on YouTube here:

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