



## Why We Care About the Next Generation

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### Questions for Study and Group Discussion

*\*\* Before you begin, please read Judges 2:6-23 as a group.*

1. **Icebreaker:** The book of Judges includes many famous Bible characters you may have heard of, including Ehud, Gideon, Deborah, and Samson. If any of these names (or other judges in this book) are familiar to you, choose one and briefly share what you think of when you hear that biblical character's name. (If these names are brand new to you no worries! This series will introduce you to them.)
2. The book of Judges begins shortly after the Israelites move into the Promised Land. Summarize at least 3-5 major events / turning points in the history of God's people from Abraham (Genesis 12) to the start of Judges.
3. Why is a grasp of this history (see previous question) important as we begin a series on the book of Judges?
4. Focus on Judges 2:6-11. What failure do we read about here that sets the stage for the book of Judges?
5. Read Deuteronomy 6:4-12, then answer the following questions:
  - What are parents commanded to do in these verses? (See esp. Deut 6:4-9.)
  - What is the warning Moses gives? (See esp. Deut 6:12.)
  - Based on what you read in Deuteronomy 6, how do you better understand the failure of Judges 2:6-11?
6. Now focus on Judges 2:11-19. In your own words, spell out the steps in the "cycle" this passage describes. (Understanding this cycle is important for understanding the book of Judges.) What stands out to you about this cycle? Are there ways you can relate to it?
7. How does the cycle we're introduced to here begin pointing us forward to our need for a better Savior, ultimately pointing to Jesus Christ?
8. Reflecting on what you've learned, how do the passages you've looked at so far (Joshua 2 and Deuteronomy 6) reinforce the value of working intentionally to pass the Christian faith along to the next generation?
9. Are there ways you benefitted from others investing in you, when you were growing up? Share what this looked like and the difference it made in your life.
10. Practically speaking, what can you do to help embody Brookside's "Next Generation" value of investing generously and joyfully in the future of the church?
11. What other questions or comments do you have about what you've looked at in the Bible today?
12. What was your biggest take-away from the message? Why?
13. **Challenge:** (1) Sign up to help with Kids Camp this summer! You can find out more information online. (2) Close your group time in prayer, praying for our Next Gen ministries (Kids, Middle School, Tribe, and College) and leaders who faithfully serve.