

SERMON NOTES

Date: May 16, 2021

Series: Judges

Title: Forgotten God, Faithless People

Text: Judges 2:6-3:6

Big Idea: What happens to a generation who does not know the Lord or the work he has done?

APPLICATION GUIDE

DISCUSS

Joshua 24 describes the way Israel renewed their covenant with the Lord shortly before Joshua's death. In verse 14, Joshua tells them to "fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and faithfulness" and to "put away [their] gods." Compare the people's response in verses 16–17 and 24 with how the new generation behaved in 2:11-23.

What are the main reasons for the new generation's failure to keep the pledge their fathers had made?

How did God's anger toward Israel display his faithfulness?

Why did the Lord test the people with war and conflict with their enemies (3:4)?

How can living among unbelievers be both a problem and an opportunity for Christians today?

APPLY THE TRUTH

Joshua was laid to rest as a "servant of the LORD" (2:7). What do you hope is your spiritual epitaph? How can you live as a servant of the LORD today?

In what ways are you prone to forget God or live your life with functional atheism? What are the consequences of that forgetfulness in your life?

What can you do to constantly refresh your knowledge of the LORD and the great works he has done?

How is God using unresolved conflicts or hardships in your life as a means of testing your faith and faithfulness?

COMMIT THIS WEEK

Israel allowed the idolatry of the people in the land to influence their spiritual drift from God. Identify one harmful influence you need to guard against this week.