

THE AGE OF HEROES

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REVIEW

Begin by reading the passages from this week’s sermon: Judges 3:7-11 and Judges 3:31. What was the big idea from the sermon? What talking points stood out to you? What was one point that has stuck in your mind this week?

Have the group discuss and share their experiences with the 360° Challenge from last meeting.

EXPLORE

- Read Nehemiah 9:27. Why did God keep choosing to deliver His people when they cried out to Him?
- Just as God kept forgiving His people, we are commanded to forgive as well. What did Jesus tell Peter about this in Matthew 18:21-22?
- Othniel and Shamgar both had supernatural power from the Lord. What does Joshua 23:9-10 remind us about this? Read Exodus 14:14. How does this give you hope and strength in your own life?
- Read Philippians 4:13. How does living through Christ’s strength change us?

REFLECT

- When people in your life make mistakes or sin, do you choose to have compassion toward them and forgive them? How can God’s compassion towards the Israelites help you show this same compassion to those around you?
- When you show compassion toward others, what does that show to those who do not know Christ?
- Why is it hard for us to be still and give complete control of our lives to Jesus? What would happen if we chose to do life through His strength and not our own?

APPLY

Based on what we have discussed today, how would you respond to these scenarios?

- You are sharing about Jesus’ work on the Cross with someone, and they think they are too far away to be saved because they have sinned too badly and God would never forgive them.
- A teenager you know wants nothing to do with the church because they were hurt by another church attender and are having a hard time forgiving them.
- A co-worker says they don’t need God because everything they have in life they have gotten themselves. They do not want to release control to God when they think they are doing fine on their own.

360° CHALLENGE

Take a hard look at your life. Are you giving the Lord control each day of your life, or are you trying to grab the control back? Choose each morning this week to pray, giving control of that day over to the Lord. Come ready next time to share how God uses this release of control for His glory.