

# Small Group Study Guide

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## **The First Step to Real Renewal**

### **Judges 1:1-2:5**

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A = \_\_\_\_\_ your current \_\_\_\_\_

B = \_\_\_\_\_ a new path to \_\_\_\_\_

C = \_\_\_\_\_

**For Small Group discussion & application this week:**

Based on your personal time in Judges 1:1-2:5 this week, what did God teach you?

As you reflect on your own walk with Jesus, how have you experienced the “cycle” that we learn about in the book of Judges?

Is there an area of life that you need to acknowledge your current crisis and begin a new path to renewal? Perhaps you find yourself *associated with* Christ, but not *submitted to* Him. This could be the first step to “real renewal”. Identify specific areas that you need to submit.

What did you take away from the message that you didn’t get on your own?

**Looking ahead: for next week, January 8, spend time in Judges 2:6-3:6.**

Draw near to God asking Him to reveal truth to you. Seek understanding and application by asking a few questions as you read the text this week:

Judges 2:6-3:6 shows what the Lord is doing in the time of the judges. How would you summarize what the Lord is doing during this time?

Reflect on 2:10 and how easy it is for a new generation to lose the “knowing” of the Lord that previous generations may have experienced. What is it about the Lord and His actions in the past that you tend to lose sight of? How can you keep in fresh touch with these?

Summarize the details of the cycle of action described in 2:18-19.

How is Israel’s entrenched sinfulness (as seen in Judges 2:19) a reflection of us as well?

Summarize Israel’s situation as described in 3:1-6.