



Deliverance in the Promised Land

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Sermon Discussion Guide

This message transitions us from the book of Joshua to the book of Judges. The Judges were deliverers raised up by God to rescue the Hebrew people from the oppression of surrounding people in the promised land. One of the main reasons they needed deliverers was due to their own disobedience to God and Him having to remove His hand of blessing from them. However, God's heart continued to care for His people and each time they cried out to Him, He provided a way out. The message looks at the need for a deliverer in the Promised Land, the unnamed prophet who preceded Gideon, and his message, Gideon's reluctant acceptance of his role as deliverer, and then the ultimate deliverer Jesus. Correlations between Gideon's experience and the experience of Jesus as Deliverer are explored.

HIGHLIGHT

- **Read the Text** - Judges 6-7
- Ask for someone to read the text aloud. Or you read the text aloud.
- **Look for Highlights** - As the text is read, tell the group to be looking out for the highlights (a particular verse, something new learned, a reminder, a question, etc.)

EXPLAIN

- To whom was it originally written? Why?
- How does it fit with the verses before and after it?
- What is the Holy Spirit intending to communicate through this text?

APPLY

- What does this mean today?
- What is God saying to you personally?
- How can you apply this message to your life?

RESPOND

- In what ways does this passage call you to action?
- How will you be different because of what you've learned?
- What is a prayer to God in response to what you read today?