



GROWING FURTHER | WEEK 3

DEUTERONOMY 23:12 - 1 SAMUEL 28:20

1. As you read your Bible this week, which particular thought(s) and event(s) stood out to you or surprised you? What questions came up that you would like to find the answers to?
2. Go back and read Deuteronomy 7:1-6 and 9:1-6 together. What was God's intent in repeatedly commanding the Israelites to destroy the Canaanites? Why was God so harsh in dealing with the people who lived in the land? What do you think of this? What does it reveal about God and His view of sin?
3. The Book of Judges reveals that Israel never did destroy the nations that were in the land. What happened as a result of their disobedience? To what extent had the people of Israel assimilated into the Canaanite culture by the end of the Book of Judges? In what way does Samson's life illustrate the effects of not driving these people out of the land? What does Samson's life reveal about the unlikely people and events that God uses to accomplish His will?
4. Read 1 Samuel 8 together. Why did Israel ask Samuel to appoint a king? What were they communicating about God and His kingship over them?
5. What did Samuel say the king would force the Israelites to do? Does he indicate that these would be positive or negative things? Do you recognize any of these things in our country today? What freedoms did the Israelites lose as a result of having a king?
6. As you read about David's life following his anointing and before he became king, what did you learn about him that you hadn't realized before? What kind of man was he?

Try it!

Memorize the names of the next 5 books in the Bible, 1 Kings – Ezra.
See if you can now recite the 1st 15 books of the Bible in order.