

2023 Aim Check-in

- Becoming disciples who make disciples, who make disciples.
 - Creating a community of faith that meaningfully engages our community of residence.
1. In the time since you last met as a H2H group, have you made any movement towards the aims we've set for 2023?
 2. How might we as a H2H group help support or encourage you towards these aims?

SERIES CHECK IN: At the halfway point of this sermon series, what is one thing that you've learned or been reminded of again?

Discussion Questions Set #1

“After that whole generation had been gathered to their ancestors, another generation grew up who knew neither the LORD nor what he had done for Israel. Then the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD and served the Baals. They forsook the LORD, the God of their ancestors, who had brought them out of Egypt. They followed and worshiped various gods of the peoples around them.” (Judges 2:10-12)

“In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit” (Judges 21:25).

1. What do you think led to an entire generation growing up who knew neither the LORD nor what he had done for Israel? What kinds of things do you think might have been happening (or not happening) in Israel to account for this?
2. What is it about comfort, security and safety that dulls our need for God's direct leadership in life?
3. Do you think that the relative peace and security of Mount Albert prevents us from acknowledging in a way that leads to action, the need for God's immediate and direct leadership? In what ways might you see this at work?
4. Is God's leadership any less required when in a position of comfort than when in a position of challenge? Why or why not?
5. Which do you think is easier to overcome: a blindness to the need for God's leadership based upon difficult circumstances or a blindness that comes about because of comfort and security? Discuss.
6. How accurate a description is Judges 21:25 of our world today? Why do you think this might be so?

**Discussion Questions Set #2**

“Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.” (Proverbs 16:3),

“And the LORD told him: “Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king.” (1 Samuel 8:7)

“Even now, return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.” (Joel 2:12)

1. What kinds of things do you think motivated the Israelites' desire for a king?
2. Why do you think there was no consideration of what God might have desired in this circumstance? Why did the Israelites not consider their following of God as a potential solution to the problems they were encountering?
3. In what ways might we reject God as our king? We serve no earthly king, so what might this look like in practice in our world?
4. What things might prevent the kind of return to God invited in Joel 2:12 from happening in our world? Your own life?