



## STUDY GUIDE

### Introduction:

- When have you experienced a “Messy Middle” moment or season in your life?

The book of judges describes the messy middle for Israel. This was the time between the leadership of Joshua and the Kingship of David, and things were a mess!

- Have you had to endure this kind of confusing, murky, “this isn’t how things are supposed to go” season in your own life?

### Study: Judges Chapter 2

While the stories of the Judges describe the discomfort of a long, messy middle in the history of Israel, it also teaches us how to stay faithful even in these seasons. Chapter one demonstrates,

1. Leadership matters. We need to know who we are following in our lives.
2. The details matter. Our attention must be focused on the details of how God is calling us to grow, where he calls us to go, and how he teaches us to follow him.

Then, in chapter two, we learned to:

1. Remember God’s faithfulness by telling your story.
2. Remember, this isn’t the entire story. Keep our eyes on God’s greater work.
3. Remember to stay close to God.

- Which of these reminders is most important for you in your life right now? How does it affect the way you experience or understand your own life circumstances.

### YOUR MOVE

Three suggestions were given for how to live faithfully in the messy middle:

1. Tell your story.
2. Look at the bigger picture.
3. Coat yourself in scripture and prayer.

- How do you plan to faithfully follow God, even in the messy middle, in this next week?