

**1. They followed \_\_\_\_\_ leadership. (10:1-5; 12:8-15)**

The \_\_\_\_\_ of these verses is that they were either unsavory men or men only interested in power, wealth, and dynasty, or both.

That's 79 years, counting Abimelech's 3 years, of unspiritual, unsavory, and selfish leaders who were more \_\_\_\_\_ in their own bottom line than in Israel's welfare before God.

What's true of political leadership is often true of spiritual leadership: We get what we \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. They \_\_\_\_\_ God. (10:6-16)**

Israel once again \_\_\_\_\_ and followed the same old false gods.

But there's something interesting about the list of gods in v. 6. All these gods but one had already been \_\_\_\_\_ by Israel in the book of Judges!

No wonder God's anger "was hot against Israel" (v. 7). What \_\_\_\_\_ to worship the gods of your defeated enemies in favor of the one, true God who had delivered you from them all!

For the first time in Judges, they're \_\_\_\_\_ the sin of idolatry to God.

His patience has run out. He's giving them what they want: the \_\_\_\_\_ gods. He's "giving them over."

It appears that God was impatient with the misery of Israel, knowing it was their own fault and that, in spite of outward appearances, they had not \_\_\_\_\_ repented but were still trying to manipulate Him.

But we have to remember two things that are true about God that are not true of us.

- He sees the \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Sam. 16:7)
- He cannot be \_\_\_\_\_. (Gal. 6:7-8)

**3. They fell back on \_\_\_\_\_ wisdom. (vv. 17-18)**

Their best idea was to offer to make whomever would lead them in the fight against the Ammonites the \_\_\_\_\_ over all the people living in Gilead.

This is the same kind of \_\_\_\_\_ that had gotten them into this situation in the first place.

We can't build anything \_\_\_\_\_ having when we're working for ourselves, for personal gain or glory.

**Calvary Connection Group**  
Discussion Questions for the week of Mar. 24, 2019

**Getting to Know Me**

- Which do you prefer, ice cream, frozen yogurt, or gelato? Why?
- What did gas sell for when you were in high school? A gallon of milk? A candy bar?

**Into the Bible**

- What one thing stood out to you in this week's sermon as something important to understand and apply?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Spiritual leadership is essential in the church or any Christian endeavor. Read Acts 6:3; 1 Tim. 3:1-13. What kind of men and women should be serving in leadership in the church and Christian ministries? What is different about the elders as opposed to deacons & deaconesses? Why?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- God's wrath at sin is real, but His patience is nearly inexhaustible. According to 2 Pet. 3:9, why hasn't God given vent to His great wrath yet?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Why do you think that the Israelites were willing to chase after gods of countries that had once oppressed them but had already been defeated?

**Application**

- Have you ever seen the wrath of God vented on individuals who were pretending to serve God but really were serving only themselves? What happened?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Have you ever tried to fool God or to mock him in your life? How did that work out?