

**AFFIRMATION OF GROWTH (15 MINUTES)**

- **Check in:** Let each person share how their challenge went this week and one thing that God has taught them in facing it.
- **Opening Prayer:** Pray specifically for both those who struggled with the challenge and those who met their goal. Ask God to reveal truth and continue the work he began in each person.

**BIBLE DISCOVERY (35-45 MINUTES)**

- **Watch Video**
- **Big Idea for gGroup:** Be mindful to seek God's direction and not just be led by blessings or our desires.
- **WHAT?**
  - **Read Judges 17:1-13**
    - What do we know about Micah, his mother, and the state of Israel?
    - What is the purpose for Micah to build a shrine, ephod, idols, and install priests?
    - What made the Levite reject God and become a priest to false idols? (verse 10)
    - Are Micah's thoughts on God blessing him based on works or worship? (verse 13)
  - **Read Judges 18:1-2 and Judges 1:34-2:4**
    - Why was the inheritance of Dan's tribe not theirs?
    - What does this tell us about the tribe of Dan?
  - **Read Judges 18:3-9**
    - Why did Laish look good to the tribes?
    - Why did the spies say that God has given it into their hands?
  - **Read Judges 18:14-21**
    - What caused the priest to take all of Micah's idols and leave with the Danites instead of reporting the theft?
  - **Read Judges 18:27-31**
    - Was the tribe of Dan a people after their own desires or a people after God? How do you know?
- **SO WHAT?**
  - How can someone create their own religion today?
  - When do our desires, dreams or passions lead us the wrong way?
  - How do we know when good things in our lives are the way God versus our desires leading the wrong way?
- **NOW WHAT?**
  - How do we protect ourselves from forming our own religion like Micah and the tribe of Dan?
  - What actions do you take when you have to form a decision? Does any of them include God?
  - What is at least one thing you want to do differently when you are trying to make a decision for your life?

**CHALLENGE FOR LIFE (10 MINUTES)**

- **One Challenge:** Has this passage revealed a point of growth or a needed change?
  - I will \_\_\_\_\_
- **Closing Prayer:** Pray for your group and their challenges this week.
- Start talking about your party week (Week of 11/4)
- Also mention Anniversary Sunday 11/3 as a way to invite someone who is far from God.