

## **AFFIRMATION OF GROWTH (15 MINUTES)**

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

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

- Watch Video
- Big Idea for gGroup: When we live a life far from God we will find our lives become disgusting
- WHAT?
  - Read Judges 21:25
    - What does this verse teach us about the Israelites and even humanity?
    - Who is supposed to be the king of Israel?
    - What have we seen when people do what is right in their own eyes instead of God's eyes?
  - o Read Judges 19:1-10
    - Describe the characteristics of the concubine, the Levite and the Father-in-law?
  - Read Judges 19:11-21
    - Why did the Levite not want to stay in Jebus, but wanted to make it to Gibeah?
    - Why was the Levite and his party about to sleep in the square? What does this teach us about the Benjamites that live in Gibeah?
    - How did the old man show hospitality?
  - Read Judges 19:22-30
    - What are the disgusting actions done because it was right in their own eyes?
    - What does this teach us about the heart and state of their nation?
    - What does the Levite do to stir up the Israelite Tribes into action against the Benjaminites?

## SO WHAT?

- Read Romans 1:21-32
  - How are we like the Israelites in Judges following what they thought was right in their own eyes and the Jews and Gentiles in Romans following sinful desires?
  - What does this show us about the power of sin in our lives?
- But there is good news, Read Romans 3:23-26
  - What is the good news?
  - How do we conquer the sin cycle in our own lives?
- o In what ways can we be like the old man that covered the needs of the Levite versus the Benjamites in Gibeah who ignored him in the square?
- NOW WHAT?
  - What is a big step you need to take to rely on God and not whatever seems right in our own eyes?

## **CHALLENGE FOR LIFE (10 MINUTES)**

- One Thing God Has Taught Me: We started the semester by asking what God has been teaching us.
  Now we will end our semester by going around and sharing one big thing God has taught you or challenged you with this semester.
- Closing Prayer
  - Pray for the continued growth in what was discussed from the Bible
- Plan your party week if you have not yet (Week of 11/4)
- Also mention Anniversary THIS Sunday 11/3 as a way to invite someone who is far from God.