

Judges: Othniel

Text: Judges 3:7-11; Joshua 14:12-13; Judges 1:12-15

Purpose: The power of being faithful in the ordinary day to day of our life can bring about extraordinary purposes for God.

Opening Question: What's one household chore you hate doing?

Read and Discuss: Judges 3:7-11; Joshua 14:12-13

1. *What led to the Israelites doing "evil in the eyes of the Lord"? When do you notice yourself drifting from God? What situations, seasons, or people can lead you away from God?*
2. *Describe the anger of God toward the Israelites? Why was it healthy and right for God to be angry with the Israelites?*
3. *How does God respond to the Israelites when they cry out to Him? What does crying out to God look like for you? When do you find yourself leaning on God the most?*
4. *In Joshua 14, Othniel's Uncle Caleb is a great role model for Othniel. What lessons do you think Othniel learned from Caleb in Joshua 14:12-13?*
5. *Who has been a role model for you? What spiritual lessons have you learned through those people?*

Read and Discuss: Judges 1:12-15

6. *What do you envision it was like for Othniel to volunteer himself to attack and capture the city of Kiriath Sepher? What fears do you have in taking risks for God? In what ways could you expand your faith by stepping out more?*
7. *Caleb gives his daughter Aksah to Othniel for marriage. She asks Caleb for the land in the Negev, which has a spring. This is the fertile land that Othniel will live in most of his life, faithfully serving his family.*
 - a. *How does being faithful in the everyday of life grow our faith?*
 - b. *What are some of your everyday responsibilities God has given to you?*
 - c. *What has God taught you through being faithful to those responsibilities?*