

STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS – WEEK 14

1. **What do we learn about the nature of human leadership from the judges of Israel (i.e. Ehud, Gideon, Samson, etc.)?**

2. **Examine the story of the Benjaminites in Judges 19-21. What does this story tell us about the system of law and order in Israel under the judges? How do you interpret the meaning of Judges 21:25? What, if anything, do you think this verse is foreshadowing? Why?**

3. **In your opinion, what is the main theme of the Book of Ruth? If you had to preach on this story, what would you preach about? Why do you think the author of Joshua and Judges might take offense to Ruth's story? What would be their main point of contention?**

4. **What makes Samuel different from all the other judges of Israel? Why do the Israelites demand that Samuel appoint a king over them? Who is chosen as the first king of Israel? Why? What does Samuel say about following a king? Is it important? Why or why not?**

5. **What is a centurion? According to the Law of the Torah, why might Jesus have been reluctant to help a centurion? How does Jesus respond to the centurion's request in Luke 7? Is it significant? Why or why not?**

6. **Why does Jesus not allow the man he heals in the Gerasenes to stay with him and the disciples? What does he call him to do instead? Why?**

7. **What image do you get of Jesus after reading Luke 8:40-56? Why?**

8. **According to Luke 9:57-62, what does it take to be a follower of Jesus? What does that mean for our lives today? What must we be willing to do?**