

# RIGHT IN OUR OWN EYES

THE BOOK OF JUDGES FOR TODAY



Welcome to the winter 2026 season of GLCs. We are starting the book of Judges. May the Lord bless each of you as we study this great book together.

## exploring

**We will explore God's word together, looking at the actual words of the passage each week.**

## digging

**We will dig deeper into the word, discussing the context and meaning of the passage.**

## growing

**We will discuss how the passage is applied to our own lives.**

## going

**We will discuss how the passage informs, challenges, and encourages our gospel witness.**

**GLC Study Guide**  
**February 22, 2026**  
**Judges 9:1-10:16**

This week's passage is extra long, so don't feel the need to read the whole passage together. Of course if you want to, feel free!

1. Judges 9:1-6 tells us how Abimelech became leader at Shechem, and how he led a coup against his half-brothers. Abimelech shows cunning, smooth talking, manipulation, uses money for murder, to achieve his evil intentions. Compare this with the qualities of an elder in 1 Timothy 3:1-7. What should leadership in God's Kingdom be like?
2. Read vs 9:7-21 together. Discuss the parable. What would repentance have looked like for Shechem if they needed the warning in the parable?
3. What are some of the consequences of Abimelech's behavior as king? (See 9:22-25, 26-27, 30-31, 53-57)
4. Read 10:1-5. Compare how many years Abimelech ruled (vs 9:22) vs how many years God saved Israel through Tola and Jair. What does this say about God's character?
5. In 10:6-16, Israel cries out to the Lord. If you add Gideon's years of judging to Abimelech's three, plus Tola and Jair, it had been at least 88 years since they cried out. How does God respond when Israel, once again, forsakes the Lord?

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6. Pastor Paul noted how Yahweh isn't mentioned at all through chapter 9 and into the first part of chapter 10. Did God notice? Then in 10:13 God tells Israel 'you have forsaken me'. Do you think God's judgment had come upon Israel through the Abimelech chaos?
  
7. In the sermon Pastor Paul mentioned how Canada has fallen away from acknowledging Jesus in its institutions, and how our society and government have forsaken him. Do you think the seemingly increasing moral chaos in our society are the outworking of God's judgement on Canada? Why or why not?
  
8. Where do you see glimpses of God's grace in our bad news world?
  
9. How does the gospel encourage you to live within a culture that has so much division? Read 1 Cor. 1:10-25.