

# THE BIG PICTURE

Week 5

BRBC Groups

March 21, 2021

**Scripture** | Judges 2:6-23, Ezekiel 33:1-9

**Ice Breaker** | 1. What is something you learned as a child that has stuck with you your whole life?

**Going Deeper** |

2. What is something that stood out to you from this week's message? Do you have any questions about it?
3. Read Judges 2:6-23
4. Verse 10 tells us that a whole generation grew up not knowing about God, who he is and what he had done. What are the consequences of this?
5. Why do you think this generation grew up not knowing about God?
6. In the message this week, Rob used this passage to show how the people of God fall into a pattern, a cycle, of closeness with God, ignoring God, suffering then calling back out to God. From your understanding of the bible, do you think this is true? From your understanding of people in general today, do you think this is true?
7. The word translated as judges could be translated as leader. Verse 17 says the people did not listen to their leaders that God raised; why do you think that was?
8. Is there anything we could learn and apply today based on this story?
9. Read Ezekiel 33:1-9
10. What is the purpose of the watchmen? What is the one way they will fail at their job?
11. In the message this week, Rob said a prophet speaks the past into the present to show there is hope for the future. Why do you think it is easy for people who follow God to forget about what God has done for them and what he has instructed them on?
12. What could we do today so that we don't fall into the patterns that the people of God always seem to fall into?
13. Do you think there are still prophets today calling people back to God? Who are some? What do you see in them that makes them similar to prophets like Ezekiel?
14. God makes it clear that the watchman's (prophets) job is to speak the warning to people but is not responsible for how people act based on the warning. They are just responsible for being faithful in their obedience. This is still true today for those who follow God. We are only responsible for our behaviour and faithfulness. Why is it vital for us to know that we are not responsible for changing anyone else's behaviour but for being faithful in our behaviour?
15. If you had to evaluate yourself based on the idea that people often fall into a cycle with God of closeness, to ignoring, to suffering, to calling back out to God, where would you place yourself in that cycle?