

Review:

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## **In What Power? Judges 7:1-11**

*If God is inviting you or me to join Him in changing the hearts of a nation (or of a church or of a culture), He intends to accomplish it in His power, not ours. It won't be through politics. It won't be through economic or social powers. It won't be through any of the world's power structures. It will be through \_\_\_\_\_.*

**Discussion 1. In what types of power structures do we, as Christ followers, mistakenly place our hopes when we engage in the culture wars? How can we care about the issues of the "culture wars" without selling out to the power structures of this world?**

*The world fuels its culture wars with fear (of what happens if "they" win). God does not. Nor should His people. Christian, whatever fear is fueling your position, it did not come from God. Take a step back and \_\_\_\_\_.*

**Discussion 2. What are some examples of how the world's power structures use fear to rally people around them? What are some types of fear-mongering that you have sometimes been tempted to fall for?**

*Even in a culture where little has meaning unless it can somehow be quantified or measured, God continues to have a global impact by turning \_\_\_\_\_ inside out. His ways are not our ways.*

**Discussion 3. We talk a lot about numbers (people, dollars, etc.) in the church. How is that helpful, and how can it be unhelpful?**

*Our tiny little faith does not seem to bother God much. He is patient and merciful that way. Our hardened \_\_\_\_\_ unwilling to grow our faith, on the other hand, is a problem. "Surrender" means a willingness to be shaped.*

**Discussion 4. Think about the times in your life when your faith has been "grown". What kinds of circumstances do that? Is it a pleasant process or a difficult one?**

**Discussion 5. How does this lesson cause you to pray? How does it prepare your heart for worship?**