Week of 05-07-2023

Series: The Story, Ch. 4, Pt. 4 Sermon: Who Shall Go Up for Us?

Text: Judges 2:1-23

Sermon Outline:

Judges shows us...

- 1. The pervasive nature of our sin. (2:1-15)
- 2. The predictable cycle of our sin. (2:16-23)
- 3. The perfect Savior we need. (chs. 17-21)

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Read Joshua 23:1-13 and Judges 1:27-33.
 - What did Israel not do that they were supposed to do?
 - Partial obedience is really disobedience. Where in your life might you only be partially obeying God?
 - Do you ultimately see that as disobedience? Why or why not?
- 2. Read Judges 2:1-4 & 11-15.
 - What was the result of Israel not driving out the occupying nations?
 - Why was that the result?

Read 2 Corinthians 6:14-18.

- What does it mean to be yoked with unbelievers?
- How might this apply to your life today?
- 3. Read Joshua 2:6-10.
 - What kind of tragedy do you see in this passage?
 - How could this have been avoided?
 - How do we keep this from happening today?
- 4. Read Joshua 2:16-23.
 - Can you identify with Israel in this passage? (Either in your past or present?)
 - Each time Israel would sin, who was to blame? (Israel as a whole, each Israelite, or the culture around them?)
 - Who or what is to blame when you disobey God?
- 5. The Old Testament prophets were not enough. The priests (including the sacrificial system) were not enough. The judges were not enough. The kings would not be enough. But Jesus is enough.
 - Discuss how Jesus has completely fulfilled each of these roles.
 - If applicable, where/when do you struggle to believe that Jesus is enough?