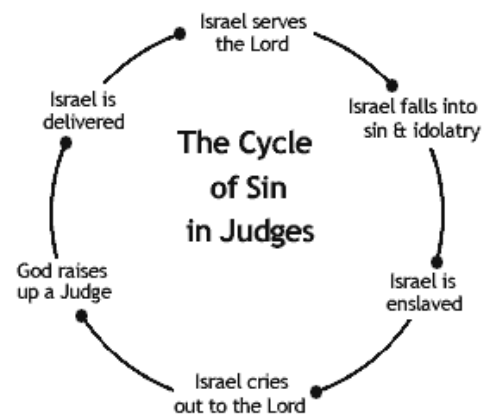


**RIVERSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCHES**  
**QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION**  
**Judges**

1. What was a 'Judge'? What was their role in the life of Israel? How does Judges 11:27 make clear what the whole book reveals about who really leads God's people?
2. The book of Judges is a sequel to the book of Joshua, recounting what happened after his death (1:1a). Who is Joshua? Why is he important?
3. Read the promises of God about the land in Joshua 23:1-5; Genesis 12:1-3, 15:12-21, 28:13-15. What expectations would Israel have had about the promised land?
4. Read chapter 1:1 – 2:5 (particularly verses 1:21, 27, 29, 30, 31-32, 33, 35). What is Israel's experience following on from the death of Joshua?
5. How does 2:1-5 explain the difference between Israel's experience and what had been promised? How was Israel unfaithful?
6. This sets up a question for the whole book of Judges - What will happen when the God who has said in verse 1, I will never break my covenant with you, now finds that Israel does not obey his commands in verse 2?
7. Read Judges 2:6-10. How does life start out in the land? What is the ominous note of v10?

8. Read Judges 2:11-19.

- Where can you see the stages of this diagram in the passage?
- In several episodes in Judges, Israel does not even cry out to the Lord. What does this suggest?



9. Verses 18-19 reveal that God persistently rescues Israel. What does 2:19b reveal about God's people Israel?
10. Would you expect to see a 'cycle of sin' in the life of the Christian today? Why / why not