**GOD’S STORY – YOUR STORY**

**SESSION 7**

**You Did That?**

Readings

Joshua 1, 2 Joshua 6:1-21

Joshua 3:1-6 Judges 2:6 – 3:15

Joshua 3:14 – 4:9

The Conquest of the Promised Land

Begins about 1250 BC at Jericho

Joshua leads as they battle for the land. Miracles allow them to succeed.

Though they win many battles it takes a long time to secure the land. There is turmoil and unrest for about 200 years.

The Period of the Judges.

During this period of unrest Israel has no central government. God is seen as their leader.

The people were organized by tribes and God sent a special leader called a Judge when the people were in trouble.

In the book of Judges, we hear the same basic story repeated over and over. The people start worshipping the local deities. God lets some other nation threaten them. The people repent and God sends a Judge to lead them to victory.

Judges

Othniel – 40 yrs. Jair – 22 yrs.

Ehud – 80 yrs. Jephthah – 6 yrs.

Shamgar Ibzan – 7 yrs.

Deborah – 40 yrs. Elon – 10 yrs.

Gideon – 40 yrs. Abdon – 8 yrs.

Tola – 23 yrs. Samson – 20 yrs.

Samuel

Last of the Judges, first of the prophets, and anointed the first 2 kings of Israel.

The People Want a King

1 Samuel 7:15 -8:22

Changed the nature of government

**Looking ahead:**

Matthew 5:38-41, 43-45

Matthew 7:12

Luke 23:34

Ephesians 6:10-17