# UNIDAY ELING SEPTEMBER 3-OCTOBER 16



Series: Unraveling Bible Focus: Judges 17-21 Date: Sept. 3 & 4, 2016

# -[ LET'S TALK ]-

• What are some of your favorite things about the fall season?

-[ CHOOSE 1 SIDE ]-

# -[ LET'S WARM UP ]-

- Why do people have such a hard time respecting God as King of their lives?
- How big is God in your life?

# -[ LET'S WARM UP ]-

- Do people believe or care that the world is unraveling? How do they try to respond?
- Do you believe the world is unraveling?
   Why or why not?

# -[ LET'S DIG ]-

- Read Hebrews 11:32-40 and discuss seeing God bigger.
- 1. Why is it important to see God bigger, and let him be bigger in your life?
- 2. What connections can you make between faith and how big God looks?
- 3. What happens when people see God bigger? Why does it say "the world was not worthy of them?"
- 4. How might have the people mentioned in Hebrews 11 gained such faith and seen God so big?

# -[ LET'S DIG ]-

- Read Romans 1:16-32 and discuss Godliness in culture.
- Where do people get the idea of a world unraveling? To what are they comparing our current reality?
- 2. What does God provide for humanity that we cannot provide for ourselves?
- 3. Why does a culture unravel when it rejects, twists, or miniaturizes God?
- 4. How do people and cultures come to rejecting, twisting, or miniaturizing God?

# -[ LET'S ACT ]-

• Consider God's size—his influence—in your life. Even the best of us miniaturize God in our lives. How you behave toward and treat yourself and others will reveal how big God is in your life. Ask a friend this week who will give you an honest answer, "How do you see me treat myself and others?" Don't be satisfied until you've discovered at least one way you can let God be bigger in your life.



# -[ SERMON REVIEW ]-

- Scriptures referenced: [Ps 50:21; 111:10]
- For many, it feels as though the world is unraveling and falling in to chaos.
- It is true, the world is unraveling (and has been since the fall) because of sin.
- We can often underestimate the concept and consequences of sin, so we often fail to truly grasp the insidious effects it has on humanity and the world.
- The stories from Judges show us that our world has been unraveling for a very long time, and give us great insight into why our world unravels: idolatry and the miniaturization of God by those who are supposed to be following Him.
- The world feels like it is unraveling because those who are supposed to represent God misrepresent Him!
- One of the reasons there is such moral decay is that those who are supposed to represent Christ in truth and love are just as corrupt as the Levites in Judges 17-21.
- The more you let God be God, make him the end (not a means to some other end), and you put him on his proper scale, then the more your heart will grow.

—[ NOTES ]—			