

Christ Church sermon questions 3 November 2019

Deborah - Judges 4:1-10, Ephesians 1:15-19

1. Can you think of a time when you were badly led in a work, family or church situation?

What made it a bad experience? Were there other people affected? Were there negative consequences that carried on past the original situation?

2. Can you think of a time when you were led really well in a working, family or church situation?

What made it a good experience? Were there other people affected? Were there positive consequences that went on past the original situation?

Share either a good OR bad experience with your group.

Read Judges 4:1-10

3. In verse 3 what did the Israelites do? Why?

4. WITHOUT getting bogged down in any political discussion consider and share if you feel able to, what world or local leaders make you want to cry out to God?

STOP AND PRAY FOR THOSE LEADERS NOW.

5. It wasn't unusual for an Israelite judge to be involved in or be alongside battles, so why do you think Deborah adds a caveat after Barak's question? Verses 8-9

6. Can you think of a time when you felt God was calling you to do something but you wanted more signs, security or another person to give you reassurances before you would do it? What happened? Share with the group if you feel able.

7. What does Paul pray for the church to have? Ephesians 1:15-19

8. Why do you think he specifically prays for those things?

How might they influence our ability to lead well and with faithfulness?

Pray for those who are struggling with their prayer life and walking with God, especially those who lead others in a work, family or church setting.