

STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS – WEEK 13

- 1. How does the Book of Joshua conclude? What is recited in Joshua 24? What is its importance? What covenant do the Israelites make with God in this chapter? Why?**
- 2. What was a judge in ancient Israel? What role did they play? Who appointed them? Why were they needed?**
- 3. Gideon was a great judge of Israel. What led to the rise and fall of him and his family?**
- 4. The story of Jephthah's daughter (Judges 11:34-40) is another example of a "text of terror" in the Bible? What does it say about the role of women in ancient Israel? Why do you think it was included in the biblical text?**
- 5. Luke's retelling of the life and ministry of John the Baptist differs slightly from that of Matthew and Mark. What is different? Is it important? Why or why not? Why do you think Matthew and Mark did not include this part of the story?**
- 6. What do we learn about Jesus from the temptation story in Luke 4?**
- 7. What ministry does Jesus proclaim he is ordained to do? By what authority? How does Jesus live out this ministry in the world? Who celebrates Jesus' ministry and who does not? Why?**
- 8. Why does Jesus teach us to love our enemies? What is the point? What will we gain from this act?**