

## DEBORAH STEPS UP

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JUDGES 4 & 5

### Introduction

1. Do What \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_.

2, \_\_\_\_\_ Others to \_\_\_\_\_ You.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ God's \_\_\_\_\_.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

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1. What's your favorite [clean] comedy movie? Why? What's the parallel between Bill Murray's Groundhog Day and the book of Judges?
2. What are the 5 stages of the Groundhog Day cycle in Judges? Explain how each stage leads to the next--and how the last stage leads to a repeat of the cycle.
3. Why is Judges 21:25 the key verse for this book? What does this verse say about our culture--and our own personal lives--today?
4. Read Judges 4:1-5. Identify the first three stages of the cycle in these verses. What do you learn about Deborah in vv.4, 5? How did she differ from the other deliverers in Judges?
5. What are some of the common excuses we use to ignore a job that needs to be done? Give an example from each of the following four categories of something that might need doing but which you've been ignoring: family; neighborhood; work; church.
6. Read John 13:1-17. What strikes you about Jesus' example in this passage?
7. Read Judges 4:6-9. Why do you think Barak acted the way he did? What four tactics did Deborah use to get Barak to join her? Give an example of how you might use each tactic when recruiting others to do what needs to be done.
8. Read Judges 5 out loud. Note the verses that point to God's participation in Israel's deliverance. Why is it so important to celebrate God's role in our victories?

**Prayer Prompt:** Reflect on the last week. When did you experience victory because of the movement of God? When did you feel prompted by God to do something? What do you need from God in the next week? Share with the group your answers, and pray for each other as a group or with a partner.