

## Judges: Abimelek

**Text:** Judges 9:1-57

**Purpose:** How the human heart can lead to self-destruction and harm others, but how God's grace can rescue us from ourselves.

**Opening Question:** Something you wanted but didn't get, but later were glad you didn't get it?

**Read and Discuss:** Judges 9:1-57

1. *What do you think Abimelek's motive was for killing the seventy sons of Gideon?*
2. *What are some situations where we take matters into our own hands instead of allowing God to work? When was the last time you had the opportunity to control a situation, but resisted in order to allow God to work?*
3. *What is Jotham's parable describing?*
4. *Why do you think God allows for Abimelek to take control and become king?*
5. *How is the Israelites' trouble self-inflicted? How can our own pride eventually cause trouble in our lives?*
6. *How does God's grace play a part throughout the book of Judges toward His people?*