

## **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?*