**The Pitfalls of a Leader**

*Judges 8:33 - 10:5*

1.  Reread Judges 8: 33 - 35.  Noticing the verbs, How did the Israelites offend God?  How can you testify that Jesus has delivered you?  Or in other words, if it weren't for Jesus, where would your life be today?

Reviewing the following questions, do you think you have an idol in your life?   1) Where do you spend most of your time?  2) Where do you spend most of your money? 3) What do you think about most of the day?  4) What brings you joy/Where are your affections?

What can you do to reserve worship for Jesus alone?

2.  Abimelech sets a self-serving example of leadership in Judges 9: 1 - 6.  Do you enjoy being in a leadership role?  Why or why not?  What are some examples of sacrificial leadership that you have admired in yourself or others?

3.  God's justice displays itself in Judges 9: 7 - 57. Read Romans 12: 19 - 21.  What are some situations where you have needed to rest in God's justice either today or in the past?  Have there been times when you tried to take justice into your own hands, and what was the result?  How can you rest in God's justice?  Review Luke 18: 1 - 8 from last week.  Is it hard to trust in God's justice, when full and complete justice may not come until Jesus returns?