WITHOUT GOD JUDGES 17-18 4-16-23

- I. <u>A HOME</u> without God (Judges 17:1-3)
 - ~ Breeds <u>religious and moral confusion</u>
- II. A MAN without God (Judges 17:4-6)
 - ~ Breeds <u>syncretism</u>
- **III. A LEADER** without God (Judges 17:7-13)
 - ~ Breeds tolerance
- **IV. A TRIBE** without God (Judges 18:1-31)
 - ~ Breeds <u>wandering</u>

GROWING DEEPER THIS WEEK

- 1. What did you think about the message this week? What stood out to you or challenged your thinking?
- 2. Why is it important for us to study passages like this in Judges that recount rampant sinfulness? What should it help make us wise to? What does it communicate about God?
- 3. The major point of this passage was that God was not central to Israel and their leadership. How can we make God more central in our areas of leadership (parenthood, jobs, etc.)?
- 4. Micah was guilty of making God in his own image, or what He believed Him to be. How do we try to make God fit the image we want Him to be today? How do we combat against doing this? How do we protect against this as we minister to the next generation (grandkids, children, relatives)?
- 5. Why is religious syncretism so dangerous in our world today? What are some examples of it in our world? How should we respond to religious syncretism when we see it?
- 6. When Micah lost his idol he declared, "What do I have left"? He was separated from his idol/god and felt meaningless. READ ROMANS 8:35-39. How does knowing that God will always be with you, and never separated from you, encourage you today? How does this make God greater than an idol?