

Grace Groups Homework
“Getting in the Game”

Judges 5:1–31

9 June 2019

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. Are there any particular songs that have a special significance for you?

WORLDVIEW

2. Let’s consider the topic of leaders and leadership. In this age of rampant individualism and self-determination, do we still need leaders?

If so, what should we expect from them and what should our commitment to them be?

What characteristics do you think a modern leader must possess? What characteristics are not desirable?

Are there different requirements of leaders in a secular and in a church situation?

INTO THE BIBLE

3. First Corinthians 3:5–15 gives us a New Testament motivation and guide to “getting into the game.”

1 Corinthians 3:5–15—What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labour. For we are God’s fellow workers. You are God’s field, God’s building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—each one’s work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

Remembering the points raised in our consideration of Judges 5, what similarities and comparisons do you see in these verses and the song of Deborah and Barak?

What are the beneficial, valuable and lasting works that were/are produced in each situation?

DIGGING DEEPER

4. Is it necessary for Christians to sing in public worship?

5. What does the exercise of true, godly motherhood rely on?

How does a similar reliance enable anyone, with any history or background, to be effectively used by God in his kingdom?

6. This song of Deborah and Barak's is rather pointed and forthright in pointing out the faithful contributors and the faithless consumers in the nation's skirmishes with the Canaanites. What do you think that they would sing about your commitment to the kingdom?

7. Sisera's psychomom fairly exemplifies many people in our world today. Why is this a fair comparison?

8. What does it take to "get in the game"? What does it take to "stay in the game"?

As you do your regular grocery shopping, please remember to add something to your trolley to donate to the Food for the Family ministry. Regularly used items include: rice (1kg or 2kg); juice; washing powder (auto or hand wash); cooking oil (750ml or 2-litre); peanut butter; syrup; jam; tea; coffee; sandwich spread; pilchards; tuna; cake flour; baked beans; butter beans; mixed vegetables; tomato and onion mix; other canned foods; Cremora or long-life milk; pasta; noodles; condiments (tomato sauce, mustard), etc.; sugar (1kg or 2.5kg); mielie meal; bath soap; deodorant (roll-on); toothpaste. Speak to Patson Ngidi for more information.