

REDEEMING GRACE

SERMON DISCUSSION

Don't Tell Me What To Do!

Quotable Moments:

- Doing what's right in your eye individually will eventually lead to chaos collectively and personally.

Scripture: Judges 19:22-25, 30; Judges 21:25

Key Things You Heard:

- History is the story of God moving and proving His love for you.
- Doing what's right in your eye individually will eventually lead to chaos collectively.
- Doing what's right in your eye individually will eventually lead to chaos personally.
- Christmas is the story of God's redeeming love.

Pray: Jesus, thank you for including this story of chaos in our Bible. It is a reminder that there is nothing too shocking for your redeeming grace. I invite you into the chaos of my life. Please forgive me for my rebellion of not wanting anyone to tell me what to do. Help me to live in grateful awareness of your redeeming grace in my life. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Moving Forward:

- Invite 3 people who don't go to church to join you for Christmas Eve.
- Memorize Luke 1:37.
- Re-watch and/or share the sermon with a friend. Go to rivertown.cc or the RCC App.

Questions for Group Discussion:

First Minutes: When you think of chaos, what time or place do you think of? (possible story cards group exercise)

- Why do you think we don't want anyone to tell us what to do? Where does that come from?
- If a movie were created about this story, what would it be rated? What emotions do you experience? What does it say about how far they had gotten from following God?
- Read Judges 19:30. What is shocking about this verse?
- Read Judges 21:25. Why is this closing line of the book of Judges so significant? What emotion do you think the author had when he wrote this?
- Read Luke 1:37. This message of the angel to Mary is included in the Christmas story? What hope did this bring into Mary's chaos? What hope does this bring for you?
- How has God stepped into the chaos of your life with redeeming grace? If your story feels like chaos right now, invite him to redeem your story.
- Identify the chaos you are experiencing and ask the group to pray for you.
- Who are you inviting to Christmas Eve services? Pray as a group for these names.