

## Setting the scene of Judges

### Judges 1-3:11

Reading Judges 1:1-20, how do things begin for Israel in the land God is giving them?

What is your impression of Othniel and Aksah? How do they contribute to the flow of the story?

What was Israel's obligation according to 2:2?

Reading chapter 2, how would you describe the response of the people? Why do you think they acted this way?

Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-14. In general, how does Israel's history serve as an example and lesson for us?

In what ways are you tempted to act like Israel? How can you resist this temptation?

### Othniel

Judges follows a pattern first seen in the story of Othniel. Observe the pattern by filling in the following table:

Israel's action v7	
God's response v8	
Israel's action v9	
God's response v9	
what happens to the judge v10	
what the judge does v10	
the outcome v11	

How does the story of Othniel point us to Jesus?

The story of Judges shows us that God does not abandon his promises or his people. How does this story encourage you?