

BIBLE STUDY GUIDE FOR FBC FAMILIES & E-GROUPS

Sermon Title: “**DEBORAH – A GREAT MOTHER OF ISRAEL!**”

Sermon Text: **Judges 4 & 5**

A. OPENING PRAYER (Father/Mother/E-Group Member)

B. SHARING TIME/ICEBREAKER QUESTION

Who is your favorite woman leader in history or in the Bible?

(Transition Sentence: Last Sunday, Pastor Val talked about Deborah whom the Lord greatly used in accomplishing His work in the life of Israel in the Old Testament times. In our passage today, we will learn that the Lord can use anybody who is willing & will make available his/her God-given gifts & abilities for His service & for His glory!)

C. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) Read passage – Judges 5 (You can assign readers to read)*
- 2) What was the trouble or distress of the Israelites during that time? (vv. 1-3)*
- 3) What were the gifts & abilities that the Lord gave Deborah? (vv. 1-d1-6) Why is Deborah's calling unique & unusual at that time?*
- 3) How did Deborah influenced & inspired Barak to lead an army to fight the Canaanites? (vv. 6-10), Jael (vv. 17-22)? Why do you think Barak did not want to fight their enemy without Deborah on his side?*
- 4) Pastor Val shared three godly qualities & attitudes that Deborah exhibited that made her great before the Lord & others. These are: [1] A recognition of her God-given gifts & abilities & strong determination to use them for God's glory! [2] Making herself & her God-given gifts & abilities available for the Lord & His service! [3] Her faith in God that influence & inspired others to trust the Lord & do great things for Him!*

What do you think is your strength? Your weakness? How can you improve it?

- 5) The facilitator/father/mother could close this discussion by praying for the members of the family or group (Always give opportunity for people to trust Jesus & receive Him as their Savior & Lord!)*

D. PRAYER TIME & CLOSING PRAYER (Father/Mother/E-Group Leader/Member)

1) Ask the prayer concern/request of each one & pray for one another. You can do also do this by telling them to pray for the person on their right & left or pray together simultaneously.

2) The father/mother/Facilitator can close the meeting with a prayer.