

# The Story A Few Good Men/Women

Sherwood Oaks Christian Church

Week of November 23, 2008

## **Read Chapter 12 of “The Story.”**

Before the Kingdom was established, the people lived in the land, many of them “doing what was right in their own eyes.” Sounds kind of like the Old West.

- 1. What would be the pros and cons of living in some Tumbleweedville in the west long ago?**  
(Consider the joys of a simpler life as well as the difficulties of pioneer life far from the big cities and the comforts of more established civilization. And of course, there are the natives and the guys dressed in black to contend with too.)
- 2. In that crazy kind of time, God rose up “judges” to lead the people. What does God’s choice of Deborah as judge during this time reveal about God’s view of women?**
- 3. Why does God often use weak and uncertain people like Gideon to do his work?**
- 4. If you ever feel uncertain about your gifts and abilities, how could the story of Gideon encourage and strengthen you?**
- 5. What reason can you give for why the Israelites kept repeating their downward cycle of sin? (Are you any different?)**
- 6. What was the root cause of Samson’s fall? What was the result?**
- 7. What are the strongest temptations that you face? How do you fight such temptations?**