



3. The senseless debate: Arguing over things that do not matter but look like they do (Judges 18:21-26)

4. The success: Fooling ourselves that “success” means God’s approval (Judges 18:27-31)

## Table Talk

- 1) Have you ever been discontent with where God has placed you? How did you resolve that? What created the Danites’ discontentment with their tribal allotment of land? (vv. 1-2) How did the Danite seek to gain God’s approval for going against God’s will on where they should live? (vv. 3-6) What happens when we try to justify before God that our way is better than His?
- 2) What is the report of the five Danite spies? Why do they see no downside to their plan? (vv. 6-10) Why is it hard for us to see any downsides to plans that we make, when we are convinced of how good they are?
- 3) How had Micah thought that by making God into a superstition he could get what he wanted from him? (see Judges 17) How do the Danites fall into the same error? (vv. 11-20) What does the Levite think about the Danites bidding for his services? (v. 20) Why might it not necessarily be God’s will to go where you will get more prestige or more money?
- 4) Is Micah happy that the Danites stole his weird worship center? What made him stop protesting? What does this say about the Danites? In what way are the Danites and Micah arguing over something that does not matter? What is something that you have argued over recently that does not matter? How do we gain the perspective of what truly does matter? (vv. 21-26)
- 5) How were the Danites “successful”? Why would they rename the city of Laish, “Dan”? Why is the phrase “until the day of the captivity of the land” so important here? (vv. 27-31)
- 6) Why is one’s answer to the question, “Where are you going?” more important than we often recognize? How can we keep our ultimate destination at the forefront of all of our planning, our prayers, and our purposes?