

LESSON 49

TAMAR AND JUDAH

Genesis 38:1-30



A Time for **Assembly**: *Introduction* to gather together through ice breaker (10 minutes)

For Starting Communication:

Share briefly your observation of mixed marriages that turned out well.



A Time for **Adoration**: *Inspiration* to worship God through invocation, thanksgiving, and reading the Scripture (25 minutes)

Suggested Songs:

I Offer My Life, by Don Moen and Claire Cloniger

God of Wonders, by Mark Byrd and Steve Hindalong

Scripture Reading: Genesis 38



A Time for **Admonition**: *Instruction* to communicate one's investigation of the story (content), interpretation based on the setting (context), and integration of the two for the spiritual truth (concept) (50 minutes)

1. What were the terrible consequences of Judah's decision to marry Shua, a Canaanite (38:1-4)?
2. What was so despicable about Onan's actions against Tamar (38:9-10)?
3. What lowly character did Judah demonstrate up to this point in his life (38:11)?

4. Though she may not have been aware of it at all, what critical role did Tamar play in ensuring the continuation of the covenant line through Judah (38:27-30)? Read Ruth 4:18-22 and Matthew 1:3,16.
5. How did Judah redeem himself from the way he had wronged Tamar (38:26)?
6. How is the sovereignty (i.e., God's authority and full control over His creation) demonstrated in the birth of Judah's sons to Tamar (38:27-30)?



A Time for **Accountability**: *Invitation* to apply the implication of the Scripture (connect), implementation of a specific action (conduct), and intercession for the saints/seekers (concern)
(about 35 minutes)

1. How can we support married couples who are going through rough times in their relationships?
2. What practical steps can we take for us to become surrendered to the life-transforming power of the Holy Spirit?
3. Pray for one another in the group. Share your personal needs or concerns with your accountability and prayer partners. These may include attitudes that need to be changed and personal applications of God's Word as studied in this lesson. Pray also for others outside the group who need to hear the Gospel.