

## The Beginning of the End

### Judges 17–18

#### Warm up

Have you come across the closing chapters of Judges before? How do you feel about them?

How did the sermon explain that chapters 17–21 (and also chapters 3–16) represent the behaviour of *all* the Israelites?

#### Looking at the passage

Read chapter 17. List the things you think Micah has done against God's laws.

Does Micah think he is guilty of idolatry? What points you in this direction?

Read chapter 18. List the things you think the tribe of Dan has done against God's expectations.

Do the Danites think they are guilty of idolatry? What points you in this direction?

#### Implications

What does the *narrator* think of Micah and the Danites? What points you in this direction?

Do you think churches and Christians today detect corrupt worship? What can help them to discern it? What can blind them?

Take the spiritual pulse of GWAC, especially your congregation. Which elements of worship are you certain are pleasing to God? Which elements might need reviewing?

Take your own spiritual pulse. Which elements of worship and lifestyle are you certain are pleasing to God? Which elements might need reviewing?