

Sermon Title: **“THE SONS OF DAN SEEK TERRITORY”**

Judges 18:1-13

- “In those days” = this refers to the time after Joshua & before the first judge, Othniel
- While “there was NO king of Israel” was a factual statement it was also a statement of longing (like they felt less because of that fact)
 - Although they DIDN’T have a king, they had their God, but that sadly WASN’T enough for them
- The Tribe of Dan DIDN’T finish the job of removing the inhabitants of the land & they were NOW trying to find another place to call home
- “Family” = can mean tribe or people nation
 - These 5 men from Dan are sent on a mission to investigate this land
- Hearing the voice of the young Levite, these 5 men inquire as to why this Levite is in the house of Micah
- What these 5 men saw & heard was contradictory to God’s plan
 - Instead of rebuking this young Levite & the clear idolatry going on, these 5 men ask him for “godly” wisdom
 - Our lives should be guided by the unfailing, unchanging, authoritative Word of God (that’s the Source of absolute truth)
- After these 5 men left, they came to a place called Laish
 - It seems like the location of Laish led them to a sense of security
- Instead of doing what God commanded (which probably looked scary & maybe overwhelming) they try doing it in their own way
- Hearing this report, 600 armed men leave ready for war