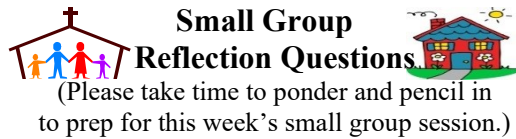


Message Outline

Jephthah

Judges 10-12



Intro: Judges: life in dysfunctional days!

Read: Judges 10-12

v.1-5—“Minor” judges mentioned...

v.6—Religious smorgasbord and God’s anger...

v.7-9—Israel’s wakeup call...

v.10-14—Same cycle and God’s reminder/rebuke...

v.15-16—“put away the foreign gods”...when repentant words meet repentant actions...

v.17-18—Leaders need a leader...

11:1a—Jephthah, a “mighty warrior”...

v.1-3—Tough home life: harlot, half-brothers, and hooligans...

v.4-6—Previous situation (v.18)...

v.7—Jephthah’s response...being used.

v.8-11—Something about headship appeals to Jephthah...

v.12-28—Diplomacy and a history lesson...

v.29-31—Making a deal with God...dumb!

v.32-40—Winning the battle but the larger storyline is the vow...

- God’s against this act! (cf. Deut.12:31, Lev.18:21, 1Sam.14)...

12:1-6—Ephraim’s anger cycle (cf. 8:1) and civil war...

v.7—Short-lived leadership...

Lessons Learned from Jephthah as Judge

- 1) _____
 - Tough home, life on the streets (11:1-3), but not blacklisted by God (11:29)!
- 2) _____
 - Jesus on rash vows (Mt. 5:33-37)...
 - Thinking before speaking...
 - Repenting of words!
- 3) _____
 - Obeying God’s Word saves us from some of life’s deepest aches (Dt12:31, Jgs.11:35).

Small Group

Reflection Questions

(Please take time to ponder and pencil in to prep for this week’s small group session.)

**God is at work in this world. Where did you “see/sense” Him this week?*

Read: Luke 8:1-3, Matthew 23

**What do you notice about the character sketches of Mary Magdalene in Luke 8 and the Pharisees in Matthew 23?*

Movie Review: Ep.1 “I Have Called You By Name”

**Things to consider as you watch the movie with your small group...*

- Summarize the episode storyline.
- What do I notice about the characters/plot?
- What does this teach me about Jesus?
- Is it Biblical?
- How does this relate to my life today?

**Part of Mary’s healing in The Chosen was due to a seed of Scripture planted at a young age by her father. Do you have a Bible passage that has echoed thru your ears at a key time in your life? In other words, what’s a meaningful Scripture in your faith journey?*