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BOOK: Judges 11:32-40; 12-13

Opening Questions:

- a. Name a word when a person pronounces it, you can tell they are from outside of California or the United States.
- b. How do you deal with people who are difficult to deal with?
- c. Name three things about which you would like to be remembered.
- d. Describe a time you like to be separated from others. Where do you go, or what do you do?

Chapter 11: Discussion Questions

1. What motivated Jephthah to make the vow in verses 30-31? Are promises to God a good thing? A bad thing?
2. How do you think Jephthah felt in verse 34-35?
3. Discuss the character of his daughter. What kind of upbringing do you think she had?
4. From the text, is it clear what happened to Jephthah's daughter? Did the Lord let him off the hook? Explain. (*Lev. 18:21, Deut. 12:31, 2 Ki. 3:27, Ex. 38:8, Num. 30:2, Ex. 13:2*)

Chapter 12: Discussion Questions

5. Compare verses 1-3 with 8:1-3. Why do you think the Ephraimites are prone to avoid the battle but criticize the victor?
6. Discuss the difference in Gideon's approach to handling the Ephraimites versus Jephthah.
7. What are your thoughts on Jephthah's test? Was it too harsh?

8. Of the three minor Judges mentioned in verses 8-15, who stands out? Why?

9. Is there anything that needs to be celebrated or questioned here? Explain.
10. Is the intermarriage mentioned here a good thing? Why or why not?

Chapter 13: Discussion Questions

11. How does this chapter begin?
12. Who is the new enemy here? What do we know about their power?
13. From this chapter, is it clear how God is moving?
14. How important is time in this chapter?
15. Is there a particular point in the usual cycle missing here? If so, what is the substitute?
16. Do you see any similarities between Samson's birth and other biblical figures?
17. Who is the angel of the Lord in this chapter? Explain.
18. What grade would you give to the spirituality of Samson's parents? A-F?
19. Can you tell what three vows the Nazirite makes from this chapter? (Numbers 6:1-21)
20. What is the purpose of Samson being a Nazirite?