

1. Read Judges 10:10–16. When do you find yourself turning to God most, during crisis or during normal life? **Supporting Scripture: 1 John 1:9 & James 4:8**

a. Follow-Up Questions:

i. Why do you think people often seek God only when things go wrong?

ii. What does real repentance look like beyond simply saying “I’m sorry”?

2. Read Judges 11:1–7. Jephthah was rejected by his family and forced out of his home. Years later, when the elders ask him to lead, his response reveals how deeply that rejection still affected him. How can past wounds influence the way we treat people today? **Supporting Scripture: Psalm 147:3 & Ephesians 4:31–32**

a. Follow-Up Questions:

i. Have you ever reacted strongly in a situation because of something from your past?

ii. What are common wounds people carry (rejection, betrayal, failure, insecurity)?

3. Read Judges 11:29–31. Jephthah makes a rash vow to God before battle, promising to sacrifice whatever comes out of his house if God gives him victory. Why do people sometimes try to bargain with God? **Supporting Scripture: Ecclesiastes 5:2–5 & 1 Samuel 15:22**

a. Follow-Up Questions:

i. Have you ever made a promise to God in a desperate moment?

ii. What does this passage teach about trying to control outcomes instead of trusting God?

iii. What does simple faith look like instead of making spiritual “deals”?

4. Read Judges 11:29. What does this passage teach about the difference between spiritual activity and spiritual maturity? **Supporting Scripture: Galatians 5:25 & John 15:4–5**

a. Follow-Up Questions:

i. Why is it possible for someone to experience God’s work but still struggle with character?

ii. What are signs that someone may be spiritually active but not spiritually healthy?

iii. What spiritual habits help keep our hearts aligned with God?



5. Read Judges 12:1-6. Ephraim becomes angry because they weren't included in the battle and starts a conflict that results in thousands of deaths. Why does pride so easily create conflict between people? **Supporting Scripture: Proverbs 13:10 &**

## **Philippians 2:3-4**

a. Follow-Up Questions:

iv. Why do we often feel overlooked or offended like Ephraim?

iv. How can comparison create jealousy or resentment?

iv. What does humility look like in a community of believers?

6. Read Hebrews 4:14-16. Judges shows flawed leaders like Jephthah, but ultimately points us to the need for a perfect leader. What are some ways the leaders in Judges fall short? **Supporting Scripture: Hebrews 4:15 & John 10:11**

a. Follow-Up Questions:

i. How does knowing Jesus understands our weaknesses change the way we approach Him?

ii. Why is grace such an important part of following Jesus?

iii. How can we reflect Christ-like leadership in our homes, workplaces, and church?

