

# GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

## Out of the Ashes

**Week 5: Humble**

**Judges 12:1-6**

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With great success many develop great pride. Unfortunately, this was the case with Jephthah. His arrogance was displayed in three ways in the final events of his biblical account. We must look at Jephthah's prideful deeds and see if we are drifting in the same direction. May God guide us to true humility.

**Kicking it off:** How do you decorate your home/yard for Halloween? Do any in your neighborhood do Halloween decorations to the extreme?

### Discussion:

1. Many people find themselves experiencing the following path:

Courageous (+ experience) → Confident (+ victory) → Conceited

How can we avoid traveling this path?

2. Reread *Judges 12:1-2* The Ephraimites said to Jephthah, "Why did you go to fight the Ammonites without calling us to go with you?" Jephthah answered, "Although I called, you didn't save me."

Jephthah was too proud to "admit failure." Are you good at saying, "I failed" or do you struggle to admit your failure?

3. Reread *Judges 12:4* The Gileadites struck them down because the Ephraimites had said, "You Gileadites are renegades."

Jephthah's pride kept him and the Gileadites from "overlooking insult." How would you counsel an athlete wanting to stop being bothered by the trash talk of his opponents?

4. Reread *Judges 12:5-6* Whenever a survivor of Ephraim said, "Let me cross over," the men of Gilead asked him, "Are you an Ephraimite?" If he replied, "No," they said, "All right, say Shibboleth." If he said, Sibboleth, because he could not pronounce the word correctly, they seized him and killed him.

Jephthah ruthlessly killed all of the defeated soldiers looking to return to Ephraim. Why didn't he "show mercy" and let them live?

5. Jesus told a parable about a man forgiven a debt of millions of dollars. This man, forgiven much, refused to show mercy to someone who owed him a few bucks. How does this parable apply to our lives?

6. Jeff claimed that "Loving God & Loving People" will make us humble. How is this so?

7. Have you found a strategy that helps you grow in humility? If so, share it with the group.

**Wrapping It Up:** Pray that God would help you grow in genuine humility.