

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

Out of the Ashes

Week 4: Submissive

Judges 11:30-40

Week of October 4, 2020

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Review: In this week's passage, our hero Jephthah made a horrendous decision. He demonstrated his biblical ignorance by doing what God forbid. He sacrificed his daughter on the altar to the Lord. Jephthah may have been hoping to honor God, but the Lord was horrified at his foolishness.

Kicking it off: Name one thing you like about October.

Discussion:

1. Reread *Judges 11:30-31* Jephthah made a vow to the Lord: "If you give the Ammonites into my hands, whatever comes out of the door of my house to meet me when I return in triumph will be the Lord's, and I will sacrifice it as a burnt offering."

Why do think Jephthah made this foolish vow?

2. Reread *Judges 11:34-35* When Jephthah returned to his home, who should come out to meet him but his daughter, dancing to the sound of timbrels! When he saw her, he tore his clothes and cried, "Oh no, my daughter! You have brought me down & I am devastated. I have made a vow to the Lord that I cannot break.

Does God want us to fulfill our vows?

Would Jephthah have sinned had he chosen to break his vow?

3. Reread *Micah 6:6-7* With what shall I come before the Lord? Shall I come with burnt offerings of thousands of rams? Will the Lord be pleased with ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Shall I offer my firstborn, the fruit of my body?

Why do many Christians desire to do something extravagant for God?

4. Reread *Micah 6:8* The Lord has shown you what is good, and what he requires of you: To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

How can we "act justly?"

5. To "love mercy" is to be enthusiastic about showing loving kindness to others. Why does God so passionately want us to do this?
6. What does it mean to "walk humbly with your God?"
7. How could you use *Micah 6:6-8* to encourage a friend feeling that their Christian service is lame?

Wrapping It Up: Ask God to help you live each day in a way that delights His heart.