

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

Out of the Ashes

Week 2: Faithful

Judges 11:3-11

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Review: The judge, named Jephthah, models for us how to rise up “out of the ashes” of defeat. This week we learned the importance of being faithful in the “small” assignments God gives us.

Kicking it off: Jeff opened the sermon from Moody Church in downtown Chicago. When was the last time you went downtown and why were you there?

Discussion:

1. Reread Judges 11:3

Jephthah settled in the land of Tob, where a gang of scoundrels gathered around him and followed him.

Bible scholars indicate that the “scoundrels” were “misfits” living on the fringe of society. Why do you think that Jephthah chose to befriend these awkward people?

2. Reread what God says about misfits in Matthew 25:40

“Whatever you do for the least of these, you do for me.”

Why does God feel so strongly about the outcasts of our society?

3. In Judges 11:3 we discover that the scoundrels “gathered around” Jephthah. Why do you think that people were drawn to Jephthah?

4. Reread Judges 11:4-6

Sometime later, when the Ammonites were fighting against Israel, the elders of Gilead went to get Jephthah from the land of Tob. “Come,” they said, “be our commander.”

How do you think Jephthah’s brothers felt about their half-brother becoming their commander?

5. Reread Luke 16:10

“If you are faithful in little things, you can be trusted with large ones.”

Do you know anyone who has experienced principle found in this verse? Tell about them.

6. How would you encourage someone who believed that their service as a church usher was insignificant?

7. What “small thing” is God calling you to serve Him in?

Wrapping It Up: Pray that our eyes would be open to the profound significance of our small acts of obedience and service to the Lord.