

# GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

## Out of the Ashes

**Week 3: Grateful**

**Judges 11:15-27**

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**Review:** We all want to be resilient and rise up “Out of the Ashes” of defeat. The example of Jephthah teaches us that one of the keys to resiliency is being “grateful” even in seasons of difficulty.

**Kicking it off:** This season of pandemic continues to be a challenging one. In an effort to remain positive, share one aspect of this unique season that you have enjoyed lately.

### Discussion:

1. The Bible includes the letter Jephthah wrote to the king of Ammon in an unsuccessful attempt to negotiate for peace. This letter provides us a window into Jephthah’s theological convictions about the activity of God. Reread Judges 11:21  
“The Lord gave Sihon and his whole army into Israel’s hands, and they defeated them.”  
How does this verse demonstrate God’s “Cooperation” with His people?
2. Think of a task or activity in your life that is an example of “Divine Cooperation”. Describe how God helps you do that activity.
3. Reread Judges 11:23  
“The Lord, the God of Israel, has driven the Amorites out before his people Israel.”  
How is this verse an affirmation of the Christian expression, “I am His and He is mine”?
4. How can the “Doctrine of Adoption” (we are made God’s children) change our lives?
5. Reread Judges 11:24  
“Whatever the Lord our God has given us, we will possess.”  
Jephthah saw his homeland of Gilead as a gift from God. Name something in your life that is a gift from God.
6. Reread Judges 11:27  
“Let the Lord, the Judge, decide the dispute between the Israelites and the Ammonites.”  
Though the Ammonites called him a thief, Jephthah looked to God for validation. What criticism do you battle with internally? How can God, the Judge, provide necessary affirmation in this area?

**Wrapping It Up:** We need to see God’s goodness when we go through difficult seasons. Pray that you may recognize God’s activity and become grateful even in dark days.