

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Sunday, November 6, 2022

Judges 10:6–12:15

In Those Days: Jephthah – The Outcast

GOING DEEPER

Can you think of a promise that you made that you never should have?

- What about a time when keeping a promise would have been sin?
- What do you think made you make these kind of promises?

Making promises we should not is often a result of misunderstanding who God is. Do you see this in your story? How did the situation resolve?

Read Judges 10:6–12:15.

Where do you think Jephthah's thinking about God is off track?

In what ways does Jephthah's view of God reflect the characteristics of the Canaanite gods?

Do you think Jephthah understood the grace of God? Why or why not?

- If not, what could have been different if he had the grace of God at the center of his thinking?

APPLICATION

- How does our culture misunderstand the character of God?
- What are some of our cultural idols that shape our misunderstanding?
- How would you engage your neighbor if they had read this story and had questions?
- How do you still struggle understanding the grace of God and his holiness?
How do they work together?