

Judges: Jephthah

Text: Judges 10:6-18; Judges 11:1-39

Purpose: To grow in our surrendering to God because ultimately His desire is to give us grace.

Opening Question: What is the best negotiation you've ever made?

Read and Discuss: Judges 10:6-18; Judges 11:1-39

1. *Why, after 23 years of peace with God, would the Israelites serve other gods?*
2. *What are some of today's idols? Why are they so appealing? What is God's response to the idols in our life?*
3. *What is God's response to the Israelites after they cry out to Him? Why does God give them over to the gods they are worshipping?*
4. *What's the difference between getting out of suffering and true repentance?*
5. *How does Jephthah negotiate with the Israelites?*
6. *Vs. 29-31 What is Jephthah's reasoning for negotiating with God?*
7. *What are some ways we negotiate with God?*
8. *What do we miss when we try to negotiate with God? What does it look like to seek God proactively?*
9. *How does Jesus take the burden off negotiating with God?*