‘In those Days’ – The Judges of Israel – Jephthah – SG Q’s 8/21

Pray Together!

Read Judges 10:6-9

1. Who did Israel serve?
2. Who was Israel “sold” (ESV) or “turned over” (NET) to? Vs. 7
   1. Why do you think this phrasing is used?
   2. Do you think we see any of this in the world today?
   3. When was a time that you were allowed to follow a path that you shouldn’t have.

Read Vs. 10-16

1. Who had the Lord delivered Israel from?
   1. What does God tell Israel to do, and what does He do?
   2. Do you think this is fair?
      1. Or how does this make you feel/think about God?

Read Vs. 10:17-11:11

1. Who is Jephthah?
   1. What do you think about Jephthah?
   2. Is it easy or difficult for you to not make judgements about people: such as, born of a prostitute, premarital sex, living together, financial class, etc.

11:12-28 is a history lesson (read if you choose…good background)

Read 11:29-35

1. What are the four main things happening here?
   1. Why would Jephthah make this kind of vow?
   2. What kind of vows do we see in the OT & NT?
   3. What kind of vows do we make today?
      1. How serious do we take a vow?

Read 11:36-40

1. What is going on in these verses?
   1. What does this tell us about Jephthah?
   2. What does this tell us about his daughter?

Read 12:1-7

1. Who are the Ephraimites in relation to the Gileadites?
   1. Why would the Ephraimites really be angry?
2. What happens in these verses?
3. How does the story of Jephthah compare or contrast to the rest of Judges?
4. What does this tell us about God?
5. What does this tell us about ourselves?

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