

JUDGES CHAPTER 10 (FACILITATOR)

Discussion Starter

Is being desperate a good or bad thing? Explain.

Opening Prayer

Ask if someone wants to volunteer before leading the prayer.

Tell the Story

• PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE ONE PERSON WHO STORIES (SUMMARIZES THE CHAPTER) BEFORE THE GROUP READS THE CHAPTER TOGETHER.

Read the Story (Judges 10:1-18)

Read out loud as a group, 3-5 verses per person. Let everyone know they can opt out if they would like. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU INTRODUCE SOME OF THE HISTORICAL CONTEXT OF THE BOOK OF JUDGES AND THE JUDGES CYCLE WITH YOUR GROUP.

Breaking it Down

 All questions should be utilized as appropriate based upon group dynamics to facilitate both understanding and discussion. Don't feel tied to the questions and don't feel like you have to get through every question. Follow the Spirit's lead! All questions are a matter of perspective in some way BUT there are specific questions that this is truer of and these questions have been indicated to be perspective/opinion questions.

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 - o How are you and I similar to the Israelites?
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 - "Our idols are not golden calves or carved statues. Idolatry doesn't have to be tied to any specific idol; it exists whenever we look to someone or something in the world around us to save us." Ed Stetzer

Judges 10:10-18

- ☐ In light of Hebrews 12:5-11, why do you think God responds in the way that He does in Judges 10:10-18, especially verses 11-14?
 - The reality of the situation is that God is both extremely angry and extremely hurt. His people have been very promiscuous in serving other gods after God had entered into a covenant relationship with Him. He isn't just punishing His people to punish they are being disciplined by Him to bring them to repentance, to hopefully bring about change and maturity.
 - In what ways has God disciplined you? In what ways is He currently disciplining you now? How have you responded? How are you responding?
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