

THE TRUE KING REIGNS

What Does God Require?

Judges Part 9 (Ch 11) | Brian Criscuolo | July 26, 2020

I. Indistinguishable Peoples (Judges 11:1-3)

II. Ill-Conceived Expectations (Judges 11:4-11)

III. Ignored Conditions (Judges 11:12-29, 32-33)

IV. Irrelevant Vows (Judges 11:30-31, 34-40)

Discussion questions for you and your small group

1. **Ice Breaker:** Have you attended a live church service since we began regathering? If so, share your experience of being able to worship with other saints at DRC. If not, share what you've missed most about worshipping corporately.
2. What was your main takeaway from the sermon on Judges 11? As a group try to summarize the sermon in just a few sentences.
3. In the third point of the sermon, we discussed Jephthah's failure to see God's holiness. How is having a biblical understanding of God's holiness (i.e. how set apart from humanity He is) vital to beholding the beauty of the gospel?
4. Jephthah's failure to see God's holiness led to him having an indifference to the conditional covenant God made with Israel in Deuteronomy 28 (specifically in regards to conditions for remaining in the land free from outside oppression). This indifference in turn resulted in actions that were foolish and outside of God's will (demanding God let Gilead remain in the land and sacrificing his daughter). When you consider your life choices and/or day to day actions, do they reflect what God has done for you in Christ? Or, do you show an indifference to the grace of God by how you live? Share with your group.
5. Now that we've talked about outward actions, let's consider our hearts. God has granted those of us who have professed true faith in Jesus freedom from sin's grip. Yet, until Jesus returns, we will all inevitably sin in our hearts (if not in our actions as well). What heart sins do you struggle with (e.g. anger, lust, pride, arrogance, self-pity, greed, faithlessness, etc.)? Share with one another.
6. Sharing our sins with one another can be a hard thing to do. However, simply confessing our sins to one another is not enough. As believers we must move beyond this and confess our sins to God. More than just confessing our sins to God, we must repent of our sins before God and make a commitment to turn away from our sin. As a group spend 5 minutes praying in silence in personal repentance of sin. If you feel compelled, share with your group which sins you repented of to God. If it's a sin you aren't ready to share publicly, consider sharing privately with your group leader and asking for prayer.
7. Before you close your group time, each of you individually take a turn praying for a specific prayer request for someone else in your group.