|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **LIFE GROUP NOTES**  **Judges #7 / Ch 10-12**  **The Outcast** |  |

Start with open ended question moving to more specific responses before focusing on a Next Step. Encouraging everyone to be a ‘doer’ of the Word.

1. **What struck you about Jephthah and the people of God?**

* An open-ended question / pick up themes and use them for further questions

selectively.

* God’s people and Jephthah were worldly
* There was tribalism and self-righteousness

1. **Is Jesus your hero? The one you go to first for rescue?**

**Is he your head?** Hero-not just our one-off saviour, but the one whom we actively choose to fight for us day by day. Or do we go elsewhere?

* Head-how are you doing with following Jesus, day by day, and year by year? What fruit are you bearing? (see Galatians 5:22).

1. **Jesus’ heart is gentle and lowly toward those who are repentant. Our Misery calls forth God’s mercy. Do you know this for yourself?**

(Judges 10-16, Matt 11:29)

1. **What areas have you been transformed in, “by the renewing of your mind”?** (Rom 12:1-2)

* Be specific-you may have thought and behaved one way about something. How did renewing your mind-reading, praying through and dwelling on scripture- transform you?
* You may want to pair off and encourage people to ask the Holy Spirit to reveal areas that need transforming.
* Or you could encourage one another with particular scriptures that come to mind, e.g Colossians 2:8 and 2 Corinthians 10:5 and discuss

1. Jephthah was an outcast, rejected by his own brothers. He had a tribalistic mentality. Rather than flattering the Emphraimites, he flattened them!

**Is there anything you need to forgive a brother/sister for?**

**Are there any ways you have thought/behaved toward brothers or sisters that you need to repent of?**

\*See ‘Handout’ on website for a summary of the preach