

## Small Group Questions for the Week of August 3, 2014

Please read Judges 12:1-7

1. How do the Ephraimites treat Jephthah in 12:1?
2. Compare and contrast Gideon's response to the tribe of Ephraim in 8:2-3 with Jephthah's response in 12:2-7.
3. Which response (Gideon's or Jephthah's) comes more naturally to us?
4. What do the Ephraimites deserve as a response?
5. Jephthah elevates himself over the Ephraimites and slaughters them. The result is a land without peace, and a gifted man with a very tarnished reputation. Have you seen consequences in your life when you have elevated yourself?

Please read Proverbs 14:12

6. Are there any areas in your life where you may be taking "small" or "reasonable" compromises?
7. In light of Proverbs 14:12, are there any changes that you want to make in your life? Can you share them with the group (if they are not too private)?

Please read John 16:32-33

8. What kind of troubles are you currently experiencing? Are you currently experiencing any peace in spite of these troubles? If yes, how has God provided peace?

Please read Philippians 4:4-7 and then close in prayer. Please be sure to pray for the troubles that were shared.