

Journaling

Understanding Judges 12

1. Reflect on the Story:

- Who are the main characters in Judges 12? Can you list their names?
- What were the important events that happened in this chapter?

2. Personal Connection:

- Have you ever felt like you needed to stand up for something you believe in, like Jephthah did?
- Jephthah and the Ephraimites disagreed in a big way. Have you ever had a disagreement with friends or family? How did you handle it?

3. Learning from Mistakes:

- What do you think Jephthah could have done differently to avoid fighting with the Ephraimites?
- Can you think of a time when saying "I'm sorry" helped solve a problem for you?

Applying the Lesson to Your Life

1. Making Peace:

- What are some ways you can make peace with others when you have a disagreement?
- How do you feel when things get solved and everyone is friends again?

2. Being a Leader:

- What qualities do you think a good leader should have based on Jephthah's story?
- Who in your life is a leader that you admire, and why?

Prayerful Thoughts

1. Praying for Guidance:

- Ask God to help you make wise decisions when you face disagreements.
- Pray for strength and courage to be a peacemaker in your family and friends group.

2. Giving Thanks:

- Thank God for the ability to learn from the stories in the Bible.
- Say a prayer of gratitude for the people in your life who help you understand these lessons.

Reflect on these prompts and write your thoughts and prayers in your journal.