

Group Notes from Sunday 9th November

Peter spoke under the title "**Get Real**" from Judges 10 & 11.

After 18 years of Philistine oppression Israel cry out to God for help who anoints Jephthah to lead them in victory against the Ammonites.

Lesson 1 – However capable we are (like Jephthah) we like him need to be filled with the Spirit.

Lesson 2 – God can use an idiot! – Jephthah was foolish and ignorant of God's ways but God still anointed him and he can use us too.

Lesson 3 – There's a world of difference between confession and repentance.

Israel confessed their sin (Chapter 10:10) but God had heard this all before and said "I will no longer save you" only after they "Got rid of their foreign gods and served the Lord" did God respond to their repentance.

Genuine repentance involves change of beliefs, attitudes and actions, and is essential to salvation and genuine Christian living.

Salvation Follows Repentance – Jesus said "Repent and believe the good news"
Peter said "Repent and be baptised every one of you for the forgiveness of your sins".

Repentance Follows Salvation

because:

1. We still sin
2. Repentance is our genuine response
3. God clearly requires it of us (see letters to the churches in Revelation 2)

How Do We Repent?

1. Conviction
2. Decision
3. Confession to God and others if appropriate
4. Action – to put things right – preventative measures – asking forgiveness
5. Reconciliation with God and others

Group Questions

1. What struck you about the teaching on the difference between confession and repentance and the way God responded to Israel in Chapter 10?
2. Do you have someone you are accountable to as a preventative measure? If not who could this be?

In order to express dependence on God pray for each other in twos and threes to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Coming Up...

Equipped - Tuesday 18th November

- No Equipped next week

Group Leaders Meeting – Wednesday 19th November

- Please make every effort to be there as we have some new things to share with you.

Next Sunday...

The next part of our series on the book of Judges looking at Samson