Study Guide on Judges 11:4-11 & 29-31 New International Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study. Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

- 1. What does this verse say?
- 2. What does this verse mean to me?
- 3. Discuss your answers with the class.

Judges 11:4-11 & 29-31

(Judges 11:4) Some time later, when the Ammonites were fighting against Israel,

(Judges 11:5) the elders of Gilead went to get Jephthah from the land of Tob.

(Judges 11:6) "Come," they said, "be our commander, so we can fight the Ammonites."

(Judges 11:7) Jephthah said to them, "Didn't you hate me and drive me from my father's house? Why do you come to me now, when you're in trouble?"

(Judges 11:8) The elders of Gilead said to him, "Nevertheless, we are turning to you now; come with us to fight the Ammonites, and you will be head over all of us who live in Gilead."

(Judges 11:9) Jephthah answered, "Suppose you take me back to fight the Ammonites and the LORD gives them to me—will I really be your head?"

(Judges 11:10) The elders of Gilead replied, "The LORD is our witness; we will certainly do as you say."

(Judges 11:11) So Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him head and commander over them. And he repeated all his words before the LORD in Mizpah.

(Judges 11:29) Then the Spirit of the LORD came on Jephthah. He crossed Gilead and Manasseh, passed through Mizpah of Gilead, and from there he advanced against the Ammonites.

(Judges 11:30) And Jephthah made a vow to the LORD: "If you give the Ammonites into my hands,

(Judges 11:31) whatever comes out of the door of my house to meet me when I return in triumph from the Ammonites will be the LORD's, and I will sacrifice it as a burnt offering."

Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?2. What does the verse mean to me?