

Getting started: Names some causes for the shortage of male leadership in the community and the church today.

**Read 10:1-5**

**More Judges**

1. What judge followed Abimelech? What is unusual about his time as judge? What similarities do you see between Tola's service as judge and your own for the Lord? (vv. 1-2)
2. What were the distinctive features of Jair the judge? What do those figures suggest about Jair's status or position (vv. 3-5)?

**Read 10:6-18**

**God dialogues with Israel**

3. Why do you think the children of Israel returned time and time again to the Baals and Ashtoreths? (v. 6) How did God respond? What two nations oppressed them? (v. 7)
4. Where did the Ammonites attack Israel at this time? (v. 9) After suffering distress for 18 years, what did the children of Israel do? (vv. 8-10) Name some reasons people are slow to turn to God?

5. What did God say He had done for them? (vv. 11-12) What did God say He would do now? (v. 13) What did He encourage them to do? Why would He say that?
  6. What did Israel beg God to do? (v. 15) How did they show they were serious about getting God's help? How did their repentance affect God? (v. 16) How do you think God is affected by our repentance? (Ps. 51:17)
  7. When Israel gathered together to face Ammon, what problem confronted them? What incentive did the leaders of Gilead give to get a man? (vv. 17-18) Who answered the call? (11:1)
- Going Deeper**
8. In this chapter Israel faces oppression without leadership. What problem(s) did this create? What problems does a lack of leadership create in the church, in the home? (Ezek 34:5) Name some solutions to the leadership shortage we are facing today.