

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY · STUDY SHEET

Movement VII · Weaponized Difference

Shibboleth

The series question: "*And who is my neighbor?*" (Luke 10:29)

JUDGES 12:6 And they said to him, Please say Shibboleth. And he said, Sibboleth, and could not frame to speak so. And they would seize him and kill him at the fords of the Jordan. And at that time forty-two thousand of Ephraim fell.

READ ALONG: Judges 12:1-6

Follow along

1. What was Ephraim's complaint in verse 1, and what threat came with it?

2. What did Jephthah say back to them in verses 2-3?

3. What could the word test prove, and what could it never prove?

4. Why would a test that simple feel convincing to the men holding the ford?

5. What words or phrases mark someone as "one of us" in the circles you have moved in?

6. Describe a time someone placed you by the way you spoke.

7. If someone who disagrees with you wrote a test for faithfulness, what would it contain, and how would you do on it?

Leave them with

THE ONE QUESTION

What is your Shibboleth — the word you listen for to decide who is safe?

- 1. Who would fail your test and still love God more than you?
- 2. This week, notice the moment you sort someone by how they talk.

The empty chair. Every week one chair at our table stays empty. It is for the person you would never invite.

Notes
