

"Discipline & Confession"
Judges 10:1-16

1. After the death of Abimelech, a man named Tola arises to save Israel. He lived in the hill country of Ephraim and he judged Israel for 23 years. Who was Tola saving the Israelites from?
2. After Tola's death, who arose to judge Israel for 22 years? After his death, what do we read about the sons of Israel? (v.6)
3. The Israelites worshipped the gods of surrounding nations but what was their relationship like with the Lord?
4. How does God respond against Israel? (vv.7-8)
5. Throughout the book of Judges, we have seen the following cycle:

Sin >> **Servitude** to foreign peoples >> **Supplication** & prayers of repentance >> **Salvation** through a judge >> and then **Silence** as peace exists for a time before the cycle starts all over again

What step in the cycle do the sons of Israel take in verse 10? How does God answer their cry in verses 13-14?

6. How is their confession in verse 10 different from their confession in verse 15?
7. After demonstrating genuine repentance and confessing their sins, what action step do the sons of Israel take in verse 16?
8. What does 1 John 1:9 say about confession and God's character? What does God do when we repent and confess our sins to Him?
9. What is something you need to confess? How can you make confession a regular part of your spiritual walk?