

“A Dirty Deal”

Would you please share a story about when you were duped?

Read Joshua 9:1-15.

1. What motivated the Gibeonites to deceive the Israelites?
 - A. Greed for wealth and power.
 - B. Fear of the Israelite military strength.
 - C. A desire to help the Israelites.
 - D. A religious calling from their gods.
 - E. A longing for recognition and fame.
 - F. A commitment to honest negotiations.
 - G. A plea for mercy and compassion.
 - H. A genuine admiration for Joshua.
 - I. Other.

2. How did the Gibeonites disguise themselves to the Israelite camp?
 - A. Wearing brand new clothes.
 - B. Carrying fresh bread and wine skins.
 - C. Wearing old clothes and worn-out sandals.
 - D. Carrying weapons and shields.
 - E. Wearing ceremonial robes.
 - F. Carrying gifts of gold and silver.
 - G. Wearing masks and costumes.
 - H. Carrying musical instruments.
 - I. Other.

3. Why did Joshua/the leaders of Israel make a deal with the Gibeonites?
 - A. They were impressed by the Gibeonites' military strength.
 - B. They saw the Gibeonites as potential allies.
 - C. They were promised great wealth and treasures.
 - D. They believed the Gibeonites were from a distant land.
 - E. They were compelled by a divine vision.
 - F. They were seeking to establish a new city.
 - G. They wanted to test the Gibeonites' loyalty.
 - H. They hoped to learn from the Gibeonites' wisdom.
 - I. Other.

4. What was the outcome of the Israelites' failure to seek divine guidance?
 - A. The Gibeonites became loyal servants of Israel.
 - B. The Gibeonites attacked the Israelites.
 - C. The Gibeonites were expelled from Canaan.
 - D. The Israelites all had to get mohawk haircuts.
 - E. The Gibeonites became kings of Israel.
 - F. The Gibeonites revealed their true intentions.
 - G. The Israelites celebrated the alliance.
 - H. The Gibeonites brought valuable resources.
 - I. Other.

5. What position in the nation did the Israelites assign to the Gibeonites?
 - A. Warriors in the Israelite army.
 - B. Priests in the Tabernacle.
 - C. Leaders of a new city.
 - D. Movie directors.
 - E. Kings of neighboring regions.
 - F. Woodcutters and water carriers.
 - G. Builders of fortifications.
 - H. Teachers and mentors.
 - I. Other.

6. What lesson can be derived from the story of the Gibeonite deception?
 - A. Deception is always successful in achieving one's goals.
 - B. Diplomacy should always be approached with caution.
 - C. Divine guidance is essential in decision-making.
 - D. Appearance is a reliable indicator of character.
 - E. Alliances are unnecessary in times of peace.
 - F. Gibeonites were known for their honesty.
 - G. Trusting others without question leads to success.
 - H. Negotiations should be avoided to prevent deception.
 - I. Other.

7. What is in your life right now that is deceptive to others?

8. How can you become more honest to God and others?