



A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF JUDGES

# **Living Like Nobody Else**

WEEK 2 • JUDGES 6:1-32

#### **OPENING QUESTION**

Share a time you gave in to peer pressure to be like your friends or to be part of the "in crowd."

#### IN THE WORD

- 1. There are times we are like Gideon and cry out, "Why me Lord?" or simply question, "What is God doing?" (Judges 6:13). In fact, the Israelites did that many times: Exodus 14:10-12; 16:2-3; 17:3; and 32:1. Why do we do this? How can we resolve this?
- 2. In Deuteronomy 31:19-21, God tells the people they will turn away from Him in the Promised Land many years before it happened. If they had this warning, why did they still allow those around them to influence them?
- 3. How does knowing the Lord is on our side, like with Gideon, give us strength today? Read Judges 6:14-16, Joshua 1:5, and Matthew 28:18-20.
- 4. Many times we mix up the values of the world with our own. It happened to James and John (Mark 10:35-37), Peter (Matthew 16:21-23), and the people around Jesus (Matthew 12:46-50). What can we learn from them?
- 5. We read about Gideon getting rid of his father's idols in Judges 6:25-27. What are the lessons from what happens after this event (Judges 6:28-32)?

#### MAKING IT PERSONAL

- 1. Not living like the world starts at home. How have you seen that true in your life?
- 2. What is one way you align yourself with the current culture?
- 3. Gideon may have been afraid of physically getting hurt. Today, many times we are afraid to get hurt emotionally or relationally and fail to step into all God has for us. How can we stand strong to follow the Lord even when those around us do not?
- 4. Gideon had to get rid of the idols in his home first. For you, what is something you either spend time/money on, worry about, or dream about that is not in alignment with God's desire for your life?

### **CONTINUED LEARNING**

Read through the book of Jonah. Think about Jonah's struggle to give up his way and see God do something way beyond what Jonah had ever dreamed.

## **Notes & Prayers**

