

## **Ordinary People – Week 1**

Start your group by taking some time to do the spiritual practice of listening prayer. Listen to a passage of scripture read by someone in your group and listen for a word or phrase to light up. Then let that word or phrase set the agenda for your prayer for the next 5-10 minutes.

This week Angie started us off in a new series based on our vision statement “Ordinary people who glorify God and desire the kingdom above all else.” God loves using ordinary people to do extraordinary things. We may have looked at many people that we see as extraordinary, but they only look at themselves as an ordinary person. People may have looked at Gideon after he fought to set the Israelites free as extraordinary, but he certainly didn’t look at himself as such before he answered the call from God and most likely not even afterwards. God wants to use us to impact the community around us. Some of us will impact more people than others, but it takes all of us to answer the call and do our part as someone else can’t do what you can do.

### **Discussion Questions:**

**Read Judges 6:4-6, 11-17**

- Gideon found himself to be very ordinary. He knows he’s of the least of the 12 tribes and his clan is the weakest of the tribe. He was the lowest of the low. Yet God used him anyway. God wants to use us no matter our status in life. Tell the group about someone you know that has done great things for the Kingdom of God and has lived an ordinary life. How could God use you to do amazing things for him?
- In our vision statement, it says we are ordinary people who glorify God and desire the kingdom above all else. In what ways are you desiring the kingdom of God above all else? How are you glorifying God in your life?
- Looking at the story of John McCollum in how he felt the desire to go into missions, started to help a local pastor in Cambodia, and how that has now blossomed into helping over 800 kids in 3 countries find a family, be fed and clothed, and get an education. It started small and now we can look back and see how God has used his obedience to bless so many. Looking at your life, how has God used you to bless others through many small steps of faith?
- If you know you have heard the call of God on your life and you have refused to take that step, what has held you back? What will help you take that step forward?