

11 Then the angel of the LORD came and sat beneath the great tree at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash of the clan of Abiezer. Gideon son of Joash was threshing wheat at the bottom of a winepress to hide the grain from the Midianites. 12 The angel of the LORD appeared to him and said, "Mighty hero, the LORD is with you!"

—Judges 6:11-12

Discussion/Journal Questions

In the sermon, John said, "I am convinced that the way we live is a consequence of the size of our God." Do you agree? Why or why not?

Read Judges 6:1-16. What is the situation in Israel at this time? What is Gideon's situation?

How does the Angel speak to Gideon? What is Gideon called to do? How does Gideon respond?

Have you ever lived in "survival mode"? What was it like? How did you break through?

Read Judges 7:1-8. Why does God have Gideon reduce the size of his army?

Read Judges 7:17-22. What was the outcome of the battle?

Read Philippians 4:12-13. How big is God to you? Where do you still struggle with trusting in a big, loving God?

How can your group pray for you this week? How can you encourage and pray for them?

Who are you praying for to accept Jesus, and what specifically did you do this week to interact with them?

Who are you currently discipling, and what specifically did you do this week to help them know, love, and follow Jesus?

Who are you considering for future discipleship relationships, and what specifically did you do this week to interact with them?