

The With-God Journey

Date: April 23, 2023

Text: Judges 6-8

Title: Gideon

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Small Group Questions

1. Read Judges 6:11-13. What surprises you about how Gideon responds to God? What might Gideon's interaction with God teach us about how we might pray and communicate with God?
2. Read Judges 6:14-15. What is Gideon's reaction to God's calling?
3. It's been often said, "God does not call the equipped; he equips the called." When have you ever felt too under-qualified to be used by God? Can you think of an example of how God used you in a way you didn't think you were ready for? What might be something God is calling you to now, but you've been reluctant to do, because you didn't think you were the right person for the assignment?
4. Read Judges 6:36-40. How does Gideon go about finding assurance of God's calling? What does it mean to discern the will of God? What are strategies you've employed to find his will? What are ways Pastor Dave suggested we should approach the practice of discerning God's will? What resonated with you or not?
5. Read Judges 7:2-21. How does Gideon follow God's lead? Why do you think God worked in such a surprising way to help his people defeat the Midianites?
6. Read Judges 8:22-35. Why do you think Gideon finished his life in disobedience to God? How can you guard against the dangers of what Pastor Dave called "the runaway ego"?
7. Close by praying for one another, our church, our community and world.