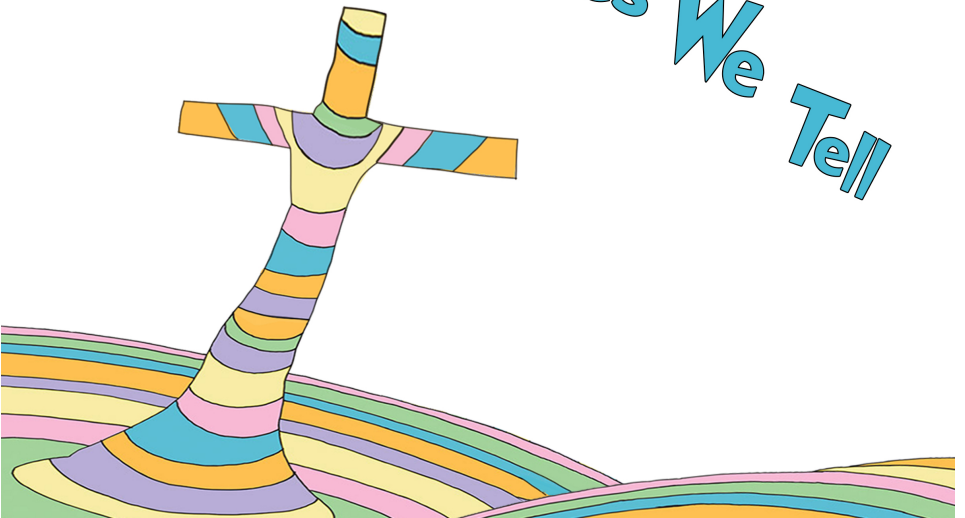


Community Group Discussion 06.28 - 07.26

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This series is uniquely designed for kids, students, and adults. Below you will see discussion questions for all Community Groups, as well as studies and activities for families to use with their students or kids.

Group Discussion

Read Judges 6 and 7, 2 Corinthians 7:10, Hebrews 1:1-2, and Psalm 119:105

1. What is your favorite underdog story? Have you ever been in an underdog situation?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 7:10. What is the difference between regretting and repenting? Have you ever regretted something without repenting? What kept you from repenting?
3. Have you ever doubted God or his love for you because of your circumstances?
4. Anything we use as a back-up plan for God is an idol. Are there any areas of your life where you compromise because you're not sure you can trust God? In the areas of sexuality, money, time and attention, are you disobedient or worried?
5. Gideon had to be convinced he was weak, but also reminded that God was strong? Which of these do you most often need to be reminded of?
6. God wants us to have faith, but he often only provides enough light to take one step at a time. What is one step you can take to move closer to God? When will you do it?

Students: Middle & High School

Icebreaker

What is your favorite underdog story?

Game (Optional)

Rock paper scissors battle

Pair up within your family or group and play rock, paper, scissors. The winner will move on to play another winner. The loser is out. Play until you have a final winner.

Questions

1. Read Judges 7:1-14
2. Why do you think God chose to reduce Gideon's army?
3. When was a time that you had to trust God in order to accomplish what you were trying to do?
4. Challenge: We all have something we are trying to control. Write it down. Share it with someone. Give it over to God in prayer daily.

Kids: Pre-School & Elementary

- **Ask:** Have you ever had to do something you didn't think you could do? Maybe your sports team was playing an undefeated team, or you had a really hard math test coming up. (Give kids time to answer.)
- **Say:** We've all had times where we didn't feel strong enough or good enough to do something, but *God overcomes our weaknesses*. In fact, often when we don't feel strong enough to do something that's when we rely on God the most!
- **Ask:** In what way can you begin trusting God more?

Family Activity

- Go in a dark room with a flashlight. Wait awhile then turn the light on. If you weren't the one holding the flashlight, how did you feel when it was turned on? Imagine how scared the Midianites were when the Israelites smashed those jars and yelled so loud.