

More Than Enough [God's Word] Discussion Guide

Summary

This sermon continues the series on Gideon, focusing on how God's Word is more than enough even when we struggle with doubt. Jonathan explores how doubt is a natural human experience, examining biblical figures like Elijah, Thomas, and Gideon who all wrestled with uncertainty despite witnessing God's power. The main passage from Judges 6:33-40 shows Gideon asking God for signs through the fleece test, revealing that God responds to our doubts with patience and grace rather than anger. The sermon emphasizes that God meets us in our doubts and uses them as opportunities for deeper trust and connection with Him.

The key message is that while doubt is a common human experience that even great biblical heroes faced, God's character remains faithful and His promises are trustworthy. Rather than being disqualified by our doubts, we are invited to bring them honestly to God, who patiently works with us to build our faith. The sermon concludes with practical steps for overcoming doubt: acknowledging our uncertainties, seeking God's Word, remembering past victories, and taking action despite our fears.

Intro Prayer

Heavenly Father, we come before You today with hearts that are sometimes filled with questions and minds that wrestle with uncertainty. We thank You that You are patient with our doubts and that You meet us exactly where we are.

As we gather together, we ask that You would open our hearts to what You want to teach us today. Help us to be honest about our struggles while also being receptive to Your truth. Lord, speak to each person here in the way they need to hear from You, and help us to support one another as we grow in faith together. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Ice Breaker

What's something you've had to double-check or triple-check recently (like making sure you locked the door or turned off the oven), and why do you think you needed that extra confirmation?

Key Verses

- Judges 6:33-40
- Mark 9:24
- Ephesians 1:13
- Acts 1:8
- 2 Timothy 1:6-7
- 1 Kings 19:10

Questions

- The sermon mentions that doubt is a 'lack of certainty.' How would you define doubt in your own words, and when have you experienced it most strongly in your faith journey?
- Gideon had already seen God work powerfully, yet he still asked for signs with the fleece. Why do you think we sometimes doubt God even after experiencing His faithfulness?
- Jonathan shared that 'distance and distractions cause the sound of the train to fade away.' What are some

'distractions' in your life that make it harder to hear God's voice?

- God responded to Gideon's doubts with patience rather than anger. How does this change your perspective on bringing your own doubts and questions to God?
- The father in Mark 9:24 prayed, 'I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief.' How can this prayer be helpful when we're struggling with doubt?
- The sermon mentioned four ways to overcome doubt: acknowledge your doubts, seek God's word, remember past victories, and act on your trust. Which of these resonates most with you and why?
- Elijah doubted God's plan even after seeing incredible miracles. What does this teach us about the nature of doubt and how it can affect even strong believers?
- How can we as a group support each other when someone is going through a season of doubt or uncertainty about God's plans for their life?

Life Application

This week, identify one area where you're experiencing doubt about God's plan or promises in your life. Practice the father's prayer from Mark 9:24: 'Lord, I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief.' Each day, spend time acknowledging your doubt honestly to God, then seek His Word for promises that speak to your situation. Also, write down or share with someone one way God has been faithful to you in the past as a reminder of His trustworthy character.

Key Takeaways

- Doubt is a natural human experience that even great biblical heroes like Gideon, Elijah, and others faced

- God responds to our doubts with patience, grace, and understanding rather than anger or disqualification
- God's Word is more than enough and His promises are trustworthy, even when circumstances seem overwhelming
- Doubt can become an opportunity for deeper connection and trust with God when we bring it honestly to Him
- We can overcome doubt by acknowledging it, seeking God's Word, remembering past victories, and taking steps of faith despite uncertainty

Ending Prayer

Father, thank You for this time together and for the reminder that You are patient with our doubts and questions. We're grateful that You don't disqualify us when we struggle with uncertainty, but instead You draw us closer to Yourself. Help each person in this group to trust in Your Word and Your promises, even when circumstances feel overwhelming. When doubt creeps in, remind us to come to You honestly and seek Your guidance. Give us the courage to take steps of faith, knowing that You are faithful to fulfill Your promises. May we support one another in our journey of faith and be quick to remind each other of Your goodness and faithfulness. We love You, Lord, and we trust that Your Word is more than enough. In Jesus' precious name, Amen.