



Gideon

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Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?*

Take some time to look up and read: Judges 6:11-40; 7:1-8, 16-22

1. What miracles does God perform to help Gideon’s doubt and uncertainty?
2. What steps does God take to ensure that he alone will receive glory for Gideon’s victory?

Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*

Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.

3. “I will be with you,” God told Gideon, and God promised to give him the strength he needed to overcome the opposition. Despite this clear promise for strength, Gideon made excuses. Seeing only his limitations and weaknesses, he failed to see how God could work through him.
 - What are some common “human” excuses that battle against the promises of God found in the scriptures?
4. After God called Gideon to be Israel’s deliverer, he immediately asked him to tear down the altar of the pagan god, Baal – an act that would test Gideon’s faith and commitment. If caught, Gideon would face serious social problems and probable physical attack. When you begin to accomplish something for God, you may be criticized by the very people who should support you.
 - Have you ever faced resistance or persecution while accomplishing something for God?
5. Demanding extra signs was an indication of unbelief. Fear often makes us wait for more confirmation when we should be taking action. Visible signs are unnecessary if they only confirm what we already know is true.
 - What are some ways that we can discern God’s will and leading in our lives?
 - What indicators has God given to you that you were “on the right path” when following him?

Surrender: Responding to God’s voice.

6. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today ****

We’re here!

We would love to hear about how things are going in your small group!
Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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