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Sermon Discussion Curriculum – Week 5 Judges 6-8 – July 4, 2021

Helpful Resources for Studying Judges

Judges for You by Tim Keller – <http://bit.ly/JudgesForYou>

The BibleProject Overview of Judges – <http://bit.ly/OverviewJudges>

The Book of Judges by J.D. Greear (*RightNow Media*) – <http://bit.ly/JudgesByGreear>

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Allow God to speak to you through his written Word. The goal of this time is to have quality connection and time together. Choose questions from Know, Grow and Show that will best help your group discuss the passage and take their next steps of faith. Don't feel like you have to use all of the questions. Feel free to add your own too! We are praying for you as you lead your D-Group this week!



KNOW:

- Has there ever been a time where you doubted God's presence or intentions because of your circumstances? Do you think it is okay for a believer to doubt God?
- Great stories of victory always have the deck stacked against the hero. What are some of your favorite examples from movies, TV, or books?
- Would anyone be willing to share a personal experience of complete desperation? What was your heart posture towards God in the middle of this experience?
- Has there been a time in your life when you had to lead something but felt unqualified? Explain what that experience was like as a leader.
- Has there been a person that stepped into your life at a needed time to lead you? How did their leadership impact you?
- What is the most courageous thing you have ever done?



GROW:

- Read Judges 6:11-18 aloud with your group, and note what God says in verse 16. How do you think God's presence with Gideon impacted his life and leadership? In addition, read Galatians 5:16-26. How does knowing the Spirit of God is with us as believers influence how we live and lead others?
- Are there any specific stories of Gideon that stick out to you the most? How do these stories help you see God for who he is, compared to our own assumptions about who God is?
- In Judges 6:36-40, Gideon asked God for a sign through the fleece, and God provided. Is Gideon putting God to the test here, or is he displaying trust in God? Why or why not?
- In Judges 7 we see God reduce the number of fighting men from over 30,000 to just 300. What do you learn about Gideon through this passage? What do you learn about God? What do you tend to put your trust and security in when it isn't God?
- In the story of Gideon, we see him ask the Lord for a sign 3 different times, and each time the Lord is gracious to oblige his request. If we are not careful, we could interpret this as the scripture affirming Gideon's actions of asking the Lord for confirmation, but rather the story is highlighting Gideon's lack of faith in God. Can you pinpoint a few areas of your own life where you are asking God (maybe even subconsciously) for a sign, or confirmation before following Him in obedience?
- How do you see God's patience revealed throughout these chapters?



SHOW:

- As you think about your own life, where are you crying out to God for his blessings but still refusing to follow his commands?
- Are there any situations in your life where the Lord might be asking you to "decrease your army" so that he can reveal more of His own strength? Take a few minutes to share with the group what you think the invitation from the Lord might be and spend some time praying over one another as you seek to walk in faithfulness together.
- Throughout this series our teachers have referenced this cycle of **devotion > compromise > misery > desperation > rescue > repentance**; would any of you be willing to share which part of this cycle you resonate with in your current season?
- Is there anything that is keeping you from stepping out in obedience to God? What could you do this week to obey?
- In the book Counterfeit Gods, Tim Keller says, "An idol is something that we look to for things that only God can give." In Judges 6:28-35, Gideon destroys the altar of Baal because the Israelites cannot serve both God and Baal. Are there idols in your life that get in the way of a trust and devotion to God? Share with the group what comes to mind.