



Small Group Discussion Guide

ICE BREAKER: What extraordinary skill do you possess that you've been hiding from your group? Are you a good singer, do you juggle or are you an excellent cook? Share your skill with your group.

INSTRUCTIONS: If your group meets bi-weekly, do 2 & 4.

1. Pastor Tom said, "Most of us know what it's like to feel insecure, worthless, or like a 'loser'". Read Judges 6:15. What was Gideon's response to God when He reveals to him that He will save His people from the Midianites? Why does Gideon believe that he was a "loser"? Read Exodus 3:11 and Jeremiah 1:6. How is Gideon's response similar to that of Moses and Jeremiah? Why does God choose seemingly insecure, worthless "losers" to do His will?
2. Read Judges 6:1-6, 11, 23, 27, and 7:10-11. Because of Gideon's fear, his question "How can I?" becomes a statement, "I cannot . . .". When confronted with situations that seem impossible and overwhelming, do we often react like Gideon? Share a time when fear overcame your "Can I" and became an "I cannot". Are you still overcome by fear from a situation? How can the knowledge that God is with us help us to defeat fear?
3. Read Judges 6:36-40. How many times have we asked for signs from God when we were deciding what to do in our lives? What was the situation you needed a sign for and did you receive the sign you asked for? Did it cause you to act? How did you react when you did not receive the sign you hoped for? Did you believe in the moment that God was with you? Do we still look for signs and do we recognize them when we see them?
4. Read Judges 6:25-30. Pastor Tom explained, "We can be imprisoned by our (real or perceived) reputation." How did Gideon's actions imprison him? How did God set him free? Spend a moment to give examples of people in popular culture who have built their reputation on things that can be "taken away." Can you think of people who have had things "taken away"? What's happened to them? What is the source of your security, worth and identity?

Personal Guide for Week of March 4th

DAY 1 - Read Hebrews 11. This chapter has often been called the Faith Hall of Fame, however, many of the people on the list didn't start out that way

DAY 2 - Read Judges 6:1-24. Follow Gideon on his journey to faith.

DAY 3 - Read Judges 6:24-40.

DAY 4 - Read Judges 7:1-12.

DAY 5 - Read Judges 7:12-25.



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"Quotidian Gideon"

Week of March 4, 2018



“Nothing Ordinary: Quotidian Gideon” [Tom Lundeen, Senior Pastor]

MESSAGE NOTES

Most of us know what it's like to feel insecure, worthless, or like a “_____”.

Why did Gideon believe that he was a “_____”?

1. His Personal _____

Note Judges 6:15

Gideon was _____ aware of his heritage.

2. His Limited _____ (note Judges 6:1-6, 11-15, 23, 27, 36-40; 7:10-11; 8:20)

Gideon is _____...not a great example of _____...

Question “How can I?” becomes a statement, “I _____...”.

3. His R_____

Note Judges 6:25-30

We can be _____ by our (real or perceived) reputation.

Because God doesn't make anything or anyone ordinary:

- When we try to find our security, identity, and worth in things that can be _____...
- ...then we are setting ourselves up for _____ and bondage.
- Note Judges 6:12
- When Gideon started telling himself the _____...
- ...the process of t_____ began in his life.
- Note Hebrews 11:32
- What is the _____ of our security, worth, and identity?
- We can stop hiding in the w_____ of our past, the fears and doubts that keep us in bondage.
- Start the process of transformation by c_____ yourself to the Lord who doesn't see us as failures or losers, but who sees us becoming more and more like His Son as we follow Him.

Tell someone about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey. Use the connect card to let us know about your commitment, too!



“QUOTIDIAN GIDEON”
Tom Lundeen, Senior Pastor

MESSAGE NOTES

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1. His Personal History

Note Judges 6:15
Gideon painfully aware of his heritage.

2. His Limited Abilities (note Judges 6:1-6, 11-15, 23, 27, 36-40; 7:10-11; 8:20)

Gideon is afraid...not a great example of faith...
Question “How can I?” becomes a statement, “I cannot...”.

3. His Reputation

Note Judges 6:25-30
We can be imprisoned by our (real or perceived) reputation.

Because God doesn't make anything or anyone ordinary:

- When we try to find our security, identity, and worth in things that can be taken away...
- ...then we are setting ourselves up for failure and bondage.
- Note Judges 6:12
- When Gideon starting telling himself the truth...
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- What is the source of our security, worth, and identity?
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