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GROUP GUIDE

This guide is designed to help you study the Scriptures and deepen your relationship with God. Use this guide by yourself or with others.
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OPEN

If new people have joined your group, take time to introduce yourselves to each other.

1. What's a moment that brought you joy this week?
2. If your child (or a younger person you know) were living the exact life you're living today, what would you advise them to change?

PRAY

Father, we invite You to lead our conversation today. Give us wisdom and understanding as we read Scripture. Help us see what You want us to see and hear what You want to speak into our lives. Give us humble hearts that are willing to learn, grow and even be challenged. Help us to be honest with You and with each other. Give us the grace to listen well, to speak with kindness, and to make this a place where people feel safe to share their questions, struggles and experiences. Protect the unity of this group. When we see things differently, help us respond with patience, humility and love.

Most of all, don't let this simply be a time where we gain more information. Use Your Word to shape us and change us. Show each of us how You are inviting us to respond, and give us the courage to live out what You teach us.

We surrender this time to You and trust You with whatever You want to accomplish in us.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

THIS GUIDE

This lesson on Gideon is divided into two sections. Begin by studying the text, then proceed to more specific application questions that follow.

If your group can't possibly get to all the questions, here are some options:

1. Have people study and answer the questions ahead of time.
2. Split your group time between the two sections—STUDY and APPLICATION.
3. Encourage your group to keep studying the story of Gideon later in the week.

STUDY AND DISCUSSION

READ JUDGES 6:1-10

1. How does the story begin?
2. What did the Midianites do to overpower the Israelites? How did they respond?
3. Why do you think God reminded the people about their rescue from Egypt?
4. What was God's primary complaint against His people?

READ JUDGES 6:11-27

5. Why did Gideon question God? How did God respond?
6. Have you ever felt like Gideon or had questions like that? Explain.
7. What was the point of Gideon's offering?
8. Based on verses 19-27, what emotions was Gideon feeling?

READ JUDGES 7:1-18

9. Why did God reduce Gideon's army (verses 1-12)?
10. If you were Gideon, how would you have been feeling?
11. Think about this story from the eyes of Gideon's army. What must this have been like for them?
12. What do you think gave Gideon the strength to attack?
13. What was the result of the battle?

READ JUDGES 8:22-27

14. What was Gideon's ephod, and why did he build it?
15. What did the people want, and how did it turn out?
16. Gideon began by tearing down an idol but eventually created something that became an idol. How can good things in our lives gradually take God's place?
17. Gideon refused the title of king but adopted some of the privileges of kingship. What's the difference between saying God is in charge and actually living that way?

READ JUDGES 8:29-35

18. What was the result of the battle between the Israelites and the Midianites?
19. How did Gideon's heart change throughout the story?
20. What does Gideon's story teach us about the difference between being faithful in a moment and remaining faithful over a lifetime?
21. In what ways did Gideon finish well? In what ways did he not?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. What does listening to God look like for you?
2. When have odds been stacked against you and you needed to trust God?
3. When has trusting a leader turned out to be a good thing? When has it failed?
4. What does it look like to live in God's strength?
5. How can someone experience remarkable victories with God and still drift spiritually later in life?
6. What dangers can success introduce into our spiritual lives that failure sometimes does not?
7. Have you ever felt fearful that God wouldn't come through, even though you've seen His faithfulness before?
8. Have you ever trusted in God's promises? Which ones?
9. Has God ever asked you to do something that scared you?
10. When have you wanted God to prove Himself?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Ask God what He wants to say to you, then spend a few minutes quietly listening for Him to speak.

PRAYER

Share what you sensed God saying and pray for each other.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY

Memorizing Scripture helps us carry the words of God with us all the time, wherever we go. His Word gives light and direction and ultimately has the power to change us and deepen our relationship with Him. Here's a good verse to memorize based on this week's teaching:

For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:13 (NLT)