

Small Group Discussion Guide

Series: Has it Come to This? A Journey Through Judges and the Cost of Compromise

Part 5: From Fearful Faith to Foolish Confidence (Gideon Part B)

BIG Idea: God meets us in our weakness, but the victories He gives can become dangerous when dependence gives way to self-reliance.

Application: Depend on God before the battle, during the victory, and after the success.

Discussion Questions

Icebreaker: When you were a kid, what was something you were afraid to do at first but eventually tried anyway?

1. The sermon opened by showing that Israel drifted after a season of peace. Why do you think comfort and stability can sometimes make people spiritually forgetful?
2. Read Judges 6:7–10. Why do you think God sent a prophet before He sent Gideon?
3. The message said, “God loves His people too much to only treat symptoms.” What are some ways we can ask God for relief while avoiding the deeper issue He wants to address?
4. Gideon asks, “If the Lord is with us, why has all this happened?” How does his question connect with questions believers still ask today?
5. God answers Gideon’s inadequacy with the promise, “I will be with you.” Why is God’s presence a better answer than self-confidence?
6. The sermon said, “The answer to inadequacy is not self-confidence; it is God’s presence.” Where do you currently need that reminder?
7. Before Gideon fights Midian, God calls him to tear down the altar of Baal at home. What does this teach us about the relationship between private surrender and public obedience?
8. Read Judges 6:36–40. How does the fleece story reveal both God’s patience and Gideon’s need for deeper formation?
9. The sermon said, “Reassurance can steady us for a moment, but only surrender can shape us for the long haul.” What is the difference between needing reassurance and living surrendered?

10. God reduced Gideon's army so Israel could not take credit for the victory. Where might God be teaching you dependence through limitation, weakness, or reduced resources?

Prayer Prompt: Pray that each person would bring God their weakness honestly, trust His presence deeply, and surrender the fear beneath their need for reassurance. Include a special prayer for moms, grandmothers, spiritual mothers, and caregivers.