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BOOK: Judges

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Opening Questions:

- a. What do you consider the strongest part of your body?
- b. Have you ever had a dream that encouraged you and came true?
- c. Which of the following situations is bigger better: house, car, or bank account?

Discussion Questions:

Chapter 6

1. Is there any support for the Lord telling Gideon, "Go in the strength you have?"
2. List the reasons why Gideon objects to being chosen. What excuses do you find yourself making to do assignments God has called you to do? (verse 15)
3. Why isn't the Lord's presence enough for Gideon to believe he can win the battle? (verse 16)
4. Why did Gideon make an offering? Does it symbolize anything about his knowledge of Israelite practices? Family rituals?
5. Who is the angel of the Lord in this chapter? At what point does Gideon realize who he is?
6. Is there any symbolism in the instructions Gideon is given in verses 25-26?
7. Explain Joash's reasoning in verse 31? Who is he referencing would be put to death and by whom?
8. How do you account for Gideon's multiple requests for signs? Is it just a lack of faith, or something else

9. What exactly is he seeking that will confirm Israel will be saved?

9. Why do you think the Lord obliged him?

Chapter 7

10. Why did God want to reduce the size of Gideon's army? Why were the others sent home? (*Deut. 20:8*) Would they be useful in another capacity later on?
11. Explain the selection of process. What quality is God seeking in the troops chosen for this battle? What does lapping water have to do with anything?
12. How do you think Gideon felt when God tells him he has too many men?
13. Is there a biblical or practical lesson God is teaching Gideon?
14. Why did Gideon take Puah to the enemy camp?
15. How would you characterize the purpose of the spying mission? Discuss Gideon's battle plan. What elements were essential for the win?
16. How does God use dreams in this chapter? Elsewhere in the bible?
- 16a. Do you think God gives people prophetic dreams today?
17. Describe the details of the battle (verses 19-25).
18. Does Gideon's battle resemble any other in the bible? How does the methodology differ from traditional warfare? (Joshua 10)
19. How has Gideon changed since chapter 6? What's your "hot take" on his arc? Can you identify the influences on his growth?