

Called Week 2

Discussion Guide



Icebreaker

What is one encouraging thing someone has spoken over your life that you still remember today?

Read

Read Judges 6 & 7

Discuss

Gideon was hiding in fear when God called him a "mighty hero." Nothing about Gideon's circumstances looked heroic. He felt weak, overlooked, and unqualified. But throughout Scripture, God consistently sees people differently than they see themselves. This raises an important question: What if we are not the most reliable voice when it comes to defining our worth and purpose?

- **What stands out to you most about Gideon's interaction with God?**
- **What labels or identities do you carry with you today?**
- **In what areas of life do you most often feel "not enough"?**
- **If you believed God was truly with you, how might that change the way you approach your current season of life?**

Gideon was afraid almost every step of the way. Even after hearing from God, he hesitated, questioned, and obeyed nervously. Yet God continued to work through him. Sometimes we assume courage means feeling fearless. But often courage is obedience in the middle of fear.

- **What fears most often keep you from taking steps forward in life or faith?**
- **When you feel uncertain or afraid, do you tend to move toward God, pull away, or try to handle things on your own?**
- **What excuses do you most often make when avoiding something difficult?**
- **Is there an area of your life where you know you need to take a step, but fear has kept you stuck?**

God intentionally reduced Gideon's army from 32,000 men to 300. From a human perspective, the situation became impossible. But the story reminds us that God's power is often most visible when our own strength runs out. Most of us try hard to appear capable, strong, and in control. But sometimes growth begins when we finally admit we cannot carry everything ourselves.

- **What are you most tempted to place your confidence in besides God?**
- **Is it difficult for you to admit weakness or ask for help? Why?**
- **What would it look like for you to depend on God more honestly right now?**

Application

Gideon's story begins in a wine press, hidden, fearful, and stuck. By the end of the story, he is standing in obedience and trusting God one step at a time. Most of us can relate more to the wine press than the battlefield. We all have areas where fear keeps us hidden, insecurity keeps us small, comfort keeps us stuck and excuses keep us from taking the next step. This week, instead of trying to fix everything, focus on identifying one area where you sense God inviting you out of hiding and into trust.

- **Where in my life have I become comfortable staying hidden?**
- **What fear or insecurity has been controlling my decisions lately?**
- **What have I been avoiding that I know needs attention?**
- **Where do I feel God nudging me toward growth, obedience, honesty, or trust?**

Prayer

Spend time in prayer asking God where it is that He is asking you to trust Him and step out in obedience right now