

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

OPEN in prayer

SHARE

- Growing up, what was your least favorite chore?
- What job around the house do you dread doing the most now?

BACKGROUND

In the days of Gideon, the Israelites were being oppressed by the Midianites, but they were also refusing to listen to God and were worshipping the pagan gods and goddesses of the land. Young Gideon was openly skeptical when an Angel of the Lord appeared and called him a “mighty warrior.” Gideon felt he was far from being a mighty warrior since he was the least in the weakest clan in Manasseh. In Judges 6 God calls Gideon to be Israel’s next judge, and to bring Israel back to spiritual faithfulness and out of oppression from the Midianites.

READ: Judges 6:1-16

KEY LESSON:

God’s will is always done through our strengths. But God’s way is done through our weakness, so that in the end He receives the glory.

REFLECTION

- Re-read Judges 6:13-16; How and why is Gideon struggling with God’s will and way?
- Have you ever found yourself feeling and thinking like Gideon did in this passage?
- What do you find is the hardest thing about doing God’s will?

APPLICATION

Here’s how the story of Gideon can help us with God’s will and God’s way:

- *Sometimes God is at work even when we can’t recognize it*
 - *When God calls us he also equips us*
 - *God is always big enough to handle our questions*
 - *We don’t need to believe in ourselves as much as we need to believe in God*
 - *Gideon was a “nobody,” and God delights in using “nobodies!”*
 - *It’s not about us—its about God (and God’s promises)*
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- Which one of these points is most crucial to your own life right now?
 - In what areas of your life do you most need God’s direction?
 - In what ways do you need to be reminded that God says “I will be with you”?

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April 18 – April 24

“Who Me?”

-Judges 6-

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