

From Fear to Faith

Overcoming fear

Ice Breaker: Where do you go, what do you do, to get away from it all?

God Is Fearless (Read Judges 6:1, 2; 11-16)

1. Gideon was a man who seemed to feel that God had forgotten him. Have you ever experienced a time when you thought God had forgotten you?
2. Why is the angels' greeting so surprising (v. 12)? Evidently Gideon believed in God, so what was his problem? What excuses did he give? (Ever felt like Gideon?)
3. Discuss the tension between focusing on our circumstances and remembering the resources God makes available to us. What actions can you take to help keep God's perspective?
4. Share any fears that you might be facing in life.
5. What's the greatest encouragement you get from these verses? How can we use them to encourage one another?

Signs: Good or Bad? (Read 6:17-24; 36-38; 39-40)

1. Even after God promised to be with Gideon, he wanted a sign from God. Are signs good or bad . . . How can they be helpful? When are they harmful, e.g. Matthew 16:1-4?

Faith, Obedience and Victory (Read 7:16-22)

1. What does this incident tell us about God?

2. What were the keys to Gideon's success?

3. Which weakness of yours does this story prompt you to see differently today?

Wrap up:

- Is there a step of obedience we can take to our faithful God today?

- What non-believer do you know who could use a word of hope or encouragement?

LIFE Groups

Providing an environment to nurture caring relationships and spiritual growth.

- L ♦ Learn..... applying Biblical truth for everyday living
- I ♦ Invite.....welcoming others to our fellowship
- F ♦ Fellowship.....nurturing Christ centered caring relationships
- E ♦ Evangelism..... combining evangelism, teaching and nurturing to impact our world for Christ