

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

Against All Odds

Week of June 16, 2019

Week 2: Impact (Jeff Griffin, Senior Pastor)

Text: Judges 6:17-35

As a military general, Gideon brought great victory to Israel. However, his greatest victory was not won on the field of battle, but in the hearts of God's people. Gideon brought about a historic spiritual revival in Israel. In following his example, we can too!

Kicking it off: Jeff shared of his love for bonfires. If you enjoy bonfires, share what you like about them.

Discussion:

1. Reread *Judges 6:7* When the Israelites cried out to the Lord because of Midian, he sent them a prophet.
What did Israel think they needed? What did God think they needed? Do you suspect that you and God agree on your greatest need?
2. Reread *Judges 6:17-18* Gideon replied, "If now I have found favor in your eyes, give me a sign that it is really you talking to me. Please do not go away until I come back."
How does this verse reveal Gideon's growing hunger for God? How is your hunger for God changing these days?
3. Reread *Judges 6:20* The angel of God said to him, "Take the meat and the unleavened bread, place them on this rock, and pour out the broth." And Gideon did so.
How does this verse demonstrate God's desire for Gideon to worship Him? Are you aware of God's desire for your worship?
4. Reread *Judges 6:24* Gideon built an altar to the Lord there and called it The Lord Is Peace. To this day it stands in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.
Do you have any altars? – that is, do you have any physical objects that remind you of significant moments in your life? If so, tell the group about one.
5. Reread God's command to Gideon found in *Judges 6:25-26* "Tear down your father's altar to Baal and cut down the Asherah pole beside it."
Can you think of an idol in your life that God is calling you to tear down? If so, share about it.
6. Reread *Judges 6:34* The Spirit of the Lord came on Gideon, and he blew a trumpet, summoning the Abiezrites to follow him.
How is the Spirit empowering Gideon? How does the Holy Spirit empower you?
7. Reread *Judges 6:35* He sent messengers throughout Manasseh, calling them to arms and also into Asher, Zebulun and Naphtali, so that they too went up to meet them.
If God were to bring revival through you, what people would He have you impact?

Wrapping It Up: Pray for revival! Pray specifically that God would use you to ignite a spiritual revival.