
LEADERSHIP COACHING: BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Discipleship Phrase: I can trust God.

Big Idea for Series: Discovering God's character & plan through the Minor Prophets.

Abiding [grow as a disciple yourself]

As a leader, how confident are you with the way God sees you? This week's story is exactly about that. Gideon, considers himself, and his entire tribe, as weak yet God calls him a "*mighty hero*"! God asks him to do a huge task, rescue Israel from the Medianites. God also tells him in verse 14 to "use the strength *he has*". God didn't say, "wait until I give you *more power & strength*", no He says, "*use what you have...*" Are you using what you have? Or waiting for more before being doing what He's asking?

Leading [learn to facilitate your group more effectively]

Typically, at the end group, we ask for someone to volunteer for the story next week. It's best practice to give that person the Bible verses, that night, so they can begin internalizing the story as soon as possible. Some groups find that the same people are always the storyteller. If that's your group, consider starting a storyteller rotation. Just start at with one person and work your way down your roster. This helps promote accountability to attend, it gets everyone involved, and also challenges some to beyond their comfort zone, which is a healthy tension.

Shepherding [know the sheep, feed the sheep, lead the sheep, protect the sheep]

In group this week, spend some time sitting in the heaviness that could arise from question 3. Be encouraged not to move on to the next question until you've discussed both, the depths of these hurts, and the size of God's love and desire for a relationship with us personally. Everyone has something they feel that God may not forgive them for, yet everyone is also target and pursued by our God whose love is endless. Make sure to unpack that thought as well before jumping into question 4.

Background Plus[®] [a deeper dive into the context of this week's story]

- The book of Judges is a sobering explanation of the human condition and ultimately points out the need for God's grace and to send a king.
- The key verses in the book of Judges is the last verse of the book - 21:25 "In those days Israel had no king; and the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes."
- God's empowerment of the judges was not an endorsement of any or all their decisions.
- The Bible Project - [Judges](#)

All Church [know what's happening]

Sept. 22nd - [Church Wide Tailgate](#). RSVP your group's spot today, email groups@themet.church.

Oct. 6th - MetWomen Prayer Night, 7pm, student building, women don't miss this one!

WEEK 3 TOPIC: GOD'S COVENANT RELATIONSHIP WITH US.

WEEK 3 TAKEAWAY: GOD WILL ACCOMPLISH HIS END. WILL YOU BE HUMBLE AND PARTICIPATE OR BE PROUD AND BE HUMBLLED?

Open in Prayer

Welcome/Introductions

Review the Guidelines [Share the guidelines to set the rails for group time]

Review Last Week [A follow up to last week's takeaway]

Can anyone share a new discipline they began this past week? [Follow up for accountability]

Ask A Hook Question [A thought provoking question to get the group focused]

By nature, are you a rule follower or a rule breaker? How so?

Share Background for the Story [A thought provoking question to get the group focused]

Judges is the second in order of what are called the historical books of the Bible, following chronologically after Joshua. Joshua had led Israel to conquer and occupy most of Canaan and yet many important Canaanite strongholds had been bypassed. They owned all the land, but they didn't possess all of it. The name is derived from the men and woman whom God raised up to deliver and lead Israel during this period of 350 years.

The book of Judges is cyclical - Israel sins...then Israel is judged and conquered...then Israel cries out then...then God raises up a judge and rescues Israel... then Israel sins again. Because the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord, the Lord delivered them into the hand of Midian for 7 years. Gideon is the 5th judge of 13 judges that God uses to deliver His people.

Share the Story: [Judges 6:7-16](#)

Rebuild the Story [An invitation for all in group to engage]

Discussion Questions: [An opportunity for the group to dive beyond the surface]

1. How was it that Israel disobeyed God's commands?
2. What are the ways God responded to Israel?
3. Israel disobeyed God, yet He still forgave, provided and pursued them. What way have you disobeyed and still struggle to believe God has forgiven you?
4. In verse 12, God calls Gideon a "mighty hero", yet Gideon saw his tribe as the weakest. How can that begin to affect how you see yourself?

Assign Next Week's Passage: [Numbers 22:21-34](#)

Prayer Requests & Closing Prayer
