



LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Remember that Life Groups are a place where we practice what is preached. We discuss the Bible for transformation, not just information.



Icebreaker: Share something you feared as a child that you no longer fear today.



PRAY:

Pray together for the Holy Spirit to open your eyes to behold wonderful things (Ps. 119:18) as your group meets with the Lord.



READ:

Ask a group member to read **Judges 6:1-35**. Consider having multiple people read the passage.



DISCUSS:

The story in Judges 6 shows us what can happen when we allow fear to rule our lives. What are some indicators that the fear of others, or a fear of anything other than God, is ruling your life?



IDENTITY:

in Judges 6:1-10 God rebukes the Israelites for their fear of other gods and ultimately their disobedience. Read Hebrews 12:9-11. How does this change your view of God's rebuke? When you receive rebuke from God what does this mean in your own life?

WORSHIP

In Judges 6 we see how the presence of God cast out Gideon's fear of the enemy. What spiritual practices give us a greater awareness of God's presence?

COMMUNITY



Like Israel our hearts can be prone to worship other things out of fear. How can we help one another stay rooted in Christ in order to find freedom over fear?

MISSION

How does fear stand in the way of you sharing your faith? How does having the Holy Spirit help us have courage to share our faith with the people in our lives who don't know God?



GROUP ENGAGE:

Jesus invites anyone and everyone to follow Him, and we get to extend that invitation to others. As a group, try this idea to engage in the mission of God or come up with your own.

Idols often leave people burdened, anxious, isolated, or exhausted. As a group, choose one way to serve people who may be experiencing those burdens. Look for a practical opportunity to bring encouragement, prayer, hospitality, or help in the name of Jesus and pick a date or time now to make it a reality.

WE ARE FAMILY:

How can you hold each other accountable to respond to God this week?

Share prayer requests (either as a group, or as partners/smaller groups)

VALUE SPOTLIGHT:



BEAUTY | That which reflects the glory of God.

When we root our lives in Christ, placing God above all things, we magnify His glory to the world around us.



SERIES OVERVIEW:

Who's the ruler of your life? The Bible points to only two possible answers: God or self. The book of Judges warns us about the dangers of self-rule. Again and again, we see God's people try to rule their lives through idolatry, passivity, fear, and corruption. Their example proves that our lives will eventually unravel when we trust ourselves instead of God. Many of us are prone to that same self-reliance, but God remains faithful and patient. As we walk through this Old Testament book, we'll see that it ultimately points to a Savior who redeems our lives when we trust in Him.

July 12

Judges 2:6 - 23

Big Idea: Keep yourself from idols
Key Question: What are the signs of a compromised faith?

- Compromised faith forgets God's greatness. (2:6-10)
- Compromised forgets God's ways. (2:11-19)
- Compromised faces God's discipline. (2:20-23)

July 19

Judges 4:1 - 5:31

Big Idea: Passivity holds us back from fulfilling God's purpose.
Key Question: How can we move from hesitation to faithful action?

- Notice the cost of inaction. (vv. 1-3)
- Answer the call of God. (vv. 4-16)
- Celebrate the victory of God. (vv. 4:17-5:31)

July 26

Judges 6:1 - 35

Big Idea: Fear of others rules you until God does.
Key Question: How can we weaken the fear of others in our lives?

- Hear God's rebuke. (vv. 1-10)
- Hold onto God's presence. (vv.11-24)
- Honor God above others. (vv.25-35)

August 2

Judges 6:4 - 22

Big Idea: Unrepentant sin always costs more than it provides.
Key Question: In what condition does unrepentant sin leave us?

- Disarmed. (vv. 4-5)
- Deceived. (vv. 6-18)
- Devastated. (vv. 19- 22)