

York St Small Groups

Sermon Based Studies

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Ordinary People, Extraordinary God

Arise – To Our Potential

Judges 6: 11-16



Please note that these studies are designed to be explored after hearing the Sunday Sermon and also to be accompanied by a time of prayer/sharing and supper.

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Getting Started

Question #1

Invite each person in the group to say a word that describes themselves, beginning with the same letter as their first name. Alternatively, have the leader do that for each person. 😊

Question #2

Read Judges 6: 1-10

List all the things God invites the Israelites to remember. Then invite the group to identify one thing you think God has done for you that he invites you to remember. Why do you think this is important?

THE WORD

Read Judges 6: 11-15

Question #3

What about this passage suggests that the angel's statement to Gideon was ironic and unbelievable?

Question #4

The angel had already told Gideon who was with him (**v.12**) but now he wanted to reveal what was in him. The angel knew that Gideon wouldn't respond well to what he was being called to do until he understood who he was, his identity, in God's eyes. Why do you think it was important for Gideon to understand who he was before he found out what he was called to do?

Question #5

Did Gideon buy into the truth God was saying about him? How do you know? (**v.13**)

Question #6

Do you think it is important for us to understand who we are in God's eyes as well? Why or why not?

Question #7

Gideon's self image could be described as fearful, incompetent, ungifted, worthless, rejected, insignificant. God's image was that he was courageous, capable, equipped, valuable, accepted and special. Why do you think he had problems believing the God image?

Question #8

Why do you think God chose someone like Gideon instead of someone who was far more suitable, prepared and qualified?

(Consider **2 Corinthians 12: 9-10**)

Question #9

What do you see in the story of Gideon that most speaks to you about your life? How does it encourage us as a church to arise to our potential in God?

CONCLUSION & PRAYER

Gideon was more than he believed or behaved. He was more than his circumstances. He was a valiant warrior touched by an encounter with God himself. And so are we! No matter how we feel, what God says about us is true!

Spend some time praying for each other and for our church as we arise to our potential in God.