

ReGathering Sunday

Fight, Flight, or Faith? | Judges 7:1-22

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- 1. God sees our limitations and weaknesses as opportunities.**
- 2. God sends his salvation not through human might, but through the weakness of humble obedience.**
- 3. God generously offers us encouragement when we are afraid.**

OUR LIMITATIONS DON'T LIMIT GOD.

NEXT WEEK: Kingdom Come: Luke 16

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

1. WELCOME

If anyone has had a significant event in their life this past week, give them a minute to share with the group. If necessary, take some time to pray for any immediate needs right at the beginning of the meeting.

2. VISION/PURPOSE

Leaders, remind your group that our mission is to “make disciples who make disciples”. Share about ways that small groups help fulfill this mission.

3. SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES

Review guidelines (Use “I” Statements, No Fixing, Confidentiality, Listening, etc.) that cultivate a healthy environment for sharing and discussion.

4. OPENING PRAYER

5. READ SCRIPTURE PASSAGE/TELL BIBLE STORY PASSAGE

6. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Use a good mix of Head (informational/study) questions, Heart (personal reflection) questions, and Hand (practical application) questions. Below are questions your group can pick from to follow along with the sermon series.

7. PERSONAL SHARING AND PRAYER REQUESTS

You can share and pray in one group, in smaller groups, or in gender specific groups. Make sure that phone numbers are shared so that encouragement and connection can happen during the week.

Questions

WARM UP: What is one of the scariest experiences you had in your life?

HEAD: *These questions help us examine the Word.*

1. Have someone in the group summarize the story of Gideon from Judges 6.
2. Read Judges 7:1-22. Why did God reduce the size of Gideon’s army?
3. In what way can our weaknesses be strengths?
4. In what ways does Gideon foreshadow Jesus?

HEART: *These questions help us wrestle with what we believe.*

5. In what ways do you identify with Gideon? Faced any limitations, challenges fears, or circumstances beyond your control recently?
6. Have you responded by leaning into faith and dependence on God, or have you gravitated to a fight or flight response?
7. Do you believe that God could be glorified in what you are going through? How?

HAND: *These questions help us bring truth and beliefs into our everyday life.*

8. What are some avenues for encouragement that are available to you, but that you haven’t been taking advantage of?