

# GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

## Against All Odds

Week of June 9, 2019

**Week 1: Identity (Jeff Griffin, Senior Pastor)**

**Text: Judges 6:11-16**

God loves using the underdog to advance His cause. This divine inclination is evident in the life of Gideon. In studying Gideon's story, we will discover that God wants to use us to impact the lives of others. Our ordinariness is not an obstacle to the Lord.

**Kicking it off:** Share one thing that you love about summer?

### Discussion:

1. Reread *Judges 6:11* The angel of the LORD came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, where his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites.

What can we know about Gideon from this verse?

2. Reread *Judges 6:12* When the angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, he said, "The LORD is with you, mighty warrior."

Gideon did not feel like a "mighty warrior" and yet that is what God said he was. Can you think of an aspect of our identity in Christ that you struggle to believe is true about you? If so, share it with the group.

3. Reread *Judges 6:13* "Pardon me, my lord," Gideon replied, "but if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our ancestors told us about when they said, 'Did not the LORD bring us up out of Egypt?' But now the LORD has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian."

Gideon was envious of his ancestors who witnessed God's supernatural deliverance. What era of God's activity in world history would you love to have witnessed?

4. What causes many to think that God's "glory days" are over?
5. Reread *Judges 6:14* The LORD turned to him and said, "Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you?"

What aspect of God's calling in your life terrifies you?

6. Reread *Judges 6:15* "Pardon me, my lord," Gideon replied, "but how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family."

If you're willing, share of a personal insecurity that you struggle with.

7. Reread *Judges 6:16* The LORD answered, "I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites."

How would you guide someone desiring to grow in their awareness of God's presence?

**Wrapping It Up:** Pray that God would help us to see ourselves as He says we are.