

Week 1- Gideon

Each of us has the potential to live like those on the list of God's ordinary, everyday greats-ordinary people who do extraordinary things.

Joshua 24:31 (NIV)

Judges 17:6 (ESV)

Judges 6:1-6 (NIV)

Judges 6:21 – 22(a) (NIV)

1 Cor 2:9 (ESV)

Judges 6: 27(a) (ESV)

God is only looking for two things:

1. **Willingness (attitude)**– “I am willing to be made willing?”
2. **Availability (action)** – Take one step.

Judges 6:36-40 (NIV)

Judges 7:2-7 (NIV)

Judges 7:9 – 11 (NIV)

Judges 7:14,15 (NIV)

Judges 7:16-23 (NIV)

DISCUSS & APPLY

These questions can be used for personal study and/or in a Small Group format. We'd love to hear how you are putting them to use, so let us know at smallgroups@manna.church

1. Read Judges 6:1-6. The pattern we see in the book of Judges is: God's people wander away from Him; He allows trouble to come in the nation; they cry out to God for deliverance; then, He sends a deliverer. Have you seen this pattern in your own life? Share some victories of God delivering you.
2. A key reason for us turning away from God is our lack of relationship with Him. We must stay close to Jesus. Over the last year, what has your personal relationship with God, your trust in God and obedience to God looked like? Share how you would like to continue to grow. Consider going through FirstStep where you can learn how to develop healthy habits as a believer.
3. In Judges 7:9-11, God instructs Gideon to go with someone to the Midianite camp to assuage his fear about the upcoming battle. Are there people in your life you can look to in times of duress? If not, I encourage you to get connected to a "community" in a small group and "seek out" your band of brothers.
4. According to the sermon, God is looking for two things: willingness and availability. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit what one step you can take toward God this month? Even if you aren't yet willing to take that step, tell the Lord you are willing to be made willing.
5. In the story of Gideon, we see God's strength perfected in weakness. How does Gideon's story bring encouragement to you as you live out the purpose God has for your life?

