



GROUP DISCUSSION

- ❑ **CONFIDENTIALITY** | What's said in the group stays in the group.
- ❑ **NO CROSS-TALK** | Be considerate of others as they share. Refrain from side conversations and texting during group time.
- ❑ **NO FIXING** | We are not in the group to fix each other. Jesus does that part.
- ❑ **SHARING** | Be sensitive to the amount of time you share. Don't talk too much or too little. Every person brings something valuable to the group.



INTRODUCTION

As your group time begins, use this section to introduce the topic of discussion.

THE CHOICE IS YOURS

Rarely does life work the way we want it to work. You can make plans for the future, but you know that life is filled with uncertainty. Your circumstances can change in a moment leaving you wondering what to do. There are also times when God calls you out of your comfort zone to do something. When God changes your plans or calls you out of your comfort zone, you have a choice: you may respond in fear or faith.

This week, your group will look at the choice Gideon made in response to God's call and what it means to have real faith when confronted with uncertainty and doubt.

Q: *Where do you see uncertainty in your life currently?*



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Select 2–3 questions to discuss as a group.

GIVE ME A SIGN!

God has heard the cries of His people and He has called Gideon to be the unlikely hero to lead the Israelites to victory over their enemies. God has already promised success to Gideon, but Gideon questions whether he's the man for the job. He feels unsure and wants some assurance from God that He is true to His word.

Let's take a look at how God's responds to Gideon's uncertainty and doubt and what we might learn from it.

Q: Have a volunteer read Judges 6:33–40. How does Gideon show a lack of faith in the story?

Q: What encouragement can you take from the way God responds to Gideon?



REFLECTION AND NEXT STEPS

Select 2–3 questions from this section to answer.

WHERE'S YOUR FOCUS?

Gideon's biggest problem was his focus. Instead of focusing on the God who called him and promised him success, he focused on himself and what he lacked as a leader. To be an unlikely hero today, you must choose where you are going to put your focus. Will it be on yourself or on God? Will you say, "I'm somebody" or "I'm nobody" which are two sides of the same coin of pride. Or will you take the focus off of yourself and say, "God is somebody!"

Real faith is shifting your focus from yourself and to God. It's looking to Him and seeing who He is and what He can do rather than who you are and what you can or cannot do.

Q: *What things could prevent you from choosing faith over fear?*

Q: *What's one practical thing you can do this week to shift your focus on to God?*



PRAY

Praise God for His love and care over your life, for the fact that He responds to your doubt and uncertainty, not with judgment, but with compassion, as He did with Gideon. Ask Him to shift your focus on to Him and who He is and what He can do. Finish by praying over one area in your life where you need to choose faith over fear.

ENDNOTES:

1. Dave Patty, *No Other Gods (Frydlant nad Ostravici, Czech Republic: Josiah Venture Ministries, 2019)*, 115.