



**"Gideon"**

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**2 Timothy 1:7** "God has not given you a spirit of fear, but of power and love and of a sound mind."

**Gideon has two great fears**

1. God \_\_\_\_\_
2. I'm not \_\_\_\_\_

**What is FEAR?**

F \_\_\_\_\_  
 E \_\_\_\_\_  
 A \_\_\_\_\_  
 R \_\_\_\_\_

**To switch from fear to faith answer:**

1. Who is \_\_\_\_\_?
2. Who am \_\_\_\_\_?
3. How can I align my \_\_\_\_\_?

**What is FAITH?**

F \_\_\_\_\_  
 A \_\_\_\_\_  
 I \_\_\_\_\_  
 T \_\_\_\_\_  
 H \_\_\_\_\_

## Small Group Discussion Questions

### Ice Breaker

Which word comes closer to describing you – skeptical or gullible? Gideon was one of Israel's 12 judges. Although he is referenced only briefly in Hebrews 11, Gideon's story is featured prominently in the book of Judges. Like many of us he was plagued with doubts and acutely aware of his own weaknesses. In spite of his inconsistencies of faith, the central lesson of his life is clear: the Lord can achieve tremendous things through anyone who depends not on self, but on God alone.

### Opening Question

What stood out to you from the weekend message? Was there a scripture, principle or action step that has stuck with you?

### Scripture

**Read Hebrews 11:32-34**

- What are some verbs that describe your present level of faith?
- How has your life changed as a result of your faith in God?

### **Turn to Judges 6**

- **Read v. 1-10:** This passage describes the situation in Israel and Gideon's first message to the people. How do you think the people responded to the prophet's message to them?
- **Read v. 11-15:** Why do you think Gideon responded to God's direct message to him in the way he did?
- **Read v. 16-24:** God showed his presence and power to Gideon in a very tangible way. Talk about a time that you saw an obvious sign of God's presence and power in your life?
- **Read v. 34-40:** Why do you think Gideon needed more signs from God?

**Read Psalm 56:3-4**

- What thoughts or feelings are raised reading these verses?
- How does faith and trust in God give us the ability to overcome fear and obstacles in our lives?

### Application

This week spend time asking yourself:

- How would I evaluate my faith and trust in God?
- What signs or evidence do I need from God to have more faith or greater trust?
- Pray and ask God to increase your faith in Him

**Pray**