

Ice Breaker (in groups of 2 or 3 for larger groups)

Who is your favorite superhero and why? OR If you could have one superpower what would it be?

Talk About it!

1. Read **Judges 6:11-16**

a. How can insecurity sabotage God's calling for our lives? Why is it so important to see ourselves the way God sees us? How do the phrases "I'm sending you"(V14) and "I'll be with you"(V16) encourage us in our calling with Jesus?

2. Read **Judges 6:25-26**

a. What are some common Idols of our day? If you are comfortable, share an example of an idol in your own life, whether past or present.

3. In the message, there were 5 Costs of Calling: Insecurity, Idols, Sense of Lack, Fear, & Our own Understanding. Which one stands out to you the most? Why is it hard to let go of some of these things?

4. How does the story of Gideon & the victory that God brought through this unlikely hero encourage you in your faith?

5. How can you trust God more this week or this month? What are some areas you want to start trusting him more in?

Scripture References Questions 1-2

QUESTION 1 SCRIPTURE

Judges 6:11-16 NLT

11 Then the angel of the Lord came and sat beneath the great tree at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash of the clan of Abiezer. Gideon son of Joash was threshing wheat at the bottom of a winepress to hide the grain from the Midianites. 12 The angel of the Lord appeared to him and said, "Mighty hero, the Lord is with you!"

13 "Sir," Gideon replied, "if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? And where are all the miracles our ancestors told us about? Didn't they say, 'The Lord brought us up out of Egypt'? But now the Lord has abandoned us and handed us over to the Midianites."

14 Then the Lord turned to him and said, "Go with the strength you have, and rescue Israel from the Midianites. I am sending you!"

15 "But Lord," Gideon replied, "how can I rescue Israel? My clan is the weakest in the whole tribe of Manasseh, and I am the least in my entire family!"

16 The Lord said to him, "I will be with you. And you will destroy the Midianites as if you were fighting against one man."

QUESTION 2 SCRIPTURE

Judges 6:25-26 NLT

25 That night the Lord said to Gideon, "Take the second bull from your father's herd, the one that is seven years old. Pull down your father's altar to Baal, and cut down the Asherah pole standing beside it. 26 Then build an altar to the Lord your God here on this hilltop sanctuary, laying the stones carefully. Sacrifice the bull as a burnt offering on the altar, using as fuel the wood of the Asherah pole you cut down."