

Discussion Questions – Gideon

Read Judges 6-7

- Who is Gideon? (a judge who had a very close relationship with God – so close that he tested God to make sure God was with him.)
 - Who appears to Gideon? (Judges 6:11-13)
 - What does the angel ask Gideon to do? (Judges 6:25-28)
 - What was wrong with the altar Gideon's father built?
 - Which commandments were the people breaking by having an altar to Baal?
 - What kinds of things do people bow down to today?
 - How did Gideon's father react? (Judges 6:29-32)
 - What kind of a person was Gideon?
 - What did God want Gideon to do after he broke down Baal's altar? (Judges 6:16,17, 34-35)
 - How did Gideon test God? (Judges 6:36-40)
 - Imagine trying to thresh wheat so no one sees what you're doing. How difficult is that?
 - The angel of the Lord appears before Gideon and asks him to do what?
 - What personal altars do we need to knock down?
 - When the angel appeared to Gideon, was it for the sole purpose of destroying Gideon's father's altar to Baal or for something else?
 - What else did God want Gideon to do?
 - Why do you think God would have selected someone like Gideon? After all, he was from the weakest of the twelve tribes, he doubted his ability, and he tested God.
 - How did Gideon test God? (Judges 6:37-40)
 - What is fleece?
 - How many times did he test God?
 - After God passed the test, what did Gideon do?
 - Do we ever test God? Or Is it a good practice to test God?
 - Who was Gideon to defeat? (Judges 6:16)
 - Gideon had to select an army. How many did he recruit? (32,000 Judges 7:3)

- Why did God want a smaller army? (Judges 7:2)
- What did Gideon do to reduce the size of his army? (Judges 7:3)
- How many left because they were afraid? (22,000)
- What did Gideon have to do to reduce the size of the 10,000? (Judges 7:5-6)
- Describe why those who didn't drink from their hands would be a bad risk militarily?
- What were God's instructions to this army?
- What have you learned about God?
- What have you learned about listening to God?