

JUDGES 6:11-16

- › Look back at verses 1-10. What situation did the Israelites find themselves in? Why do you think they kept falling back into this same cycle?
- › Where was Gideon's focus (vv. 11-14)? Why do you think he hesitated to believe the word from God that was delivered to him by the angel?
- › Despite Gideon's personal feelings, God referred to him as a "mighty" warrior (v. 12). Why did God choose this title? What does it reveal about God's plans for Gideon's life?
- › How did the Lord respond to Gideon? How might God's message to Gideon encourage us as we seek God's will? How might these words empower us to live on mission?

JUDGES 6:25-27

- › For context, look back at verses 17-24. What did God ask Gideon for (v. 17)? How did Gideon respond when God answered his request (v. 22)?
- › What did Gideon do to the altar of Baal? What did this act communicate about God? About Gideon's faith?
- › Where did Gideon find the strength to do this? What can we learn from his example?
- › Was there anything lacking in Gideon's faith (v. 27)?
- › What affect did Gideon's act have on his father? How might even the smallest act of faith have a ripple affect on those around us?

CENTRAL TRUTH

The truth of God's Word empowers us to live for His glory.

NOW WHAT?

- › How can you know God's will? How might focusing on what you know about God's will help you to grow in your walk with Christ?
- › What fears or insecurities do you have about living on mission for Christ? How might knowing God's will for you help you overcome these fears?
- › In what areas of your life is your faith mixed with fear?
- › Journal a prayer to God asking Him to help you rest in the truth of what you know about His will in Scripture. Pray that these promises would empower your mission.

PERSONAL CHALLENGE

- › **Dwell:** Journal a list of actions and things from Scripture that are part of God's will for you to do (i.e. love God, love your neighbor, share the gospel, care for the needy, etc.). Once you have compiled a list, take some time to pray that God would give you opportunities to do each of these things. Pray that He would burden your heart to engage in these things for the sake of His kingdom and glory.
- › **Memorize:** Judges 6:16
- › **Pray:** Ask God to help you submit to and live out of His will for your life. Pray that He would reveal to you the areas of your life that are not submitted to His kingdom and glory. Ask God for the courage necessary to commit to and engage in His mission for the world.

KEEP ON DIGGING

- › Read Matthew 22:34-40. What does this passage teach you about God's will for your life? Augustine once said, "Once for all, then a short precept is given to you: Love, and do what you will . . ." Augustine wasn't saying that we can do whatever we want to as Christians, but rather that if we really do love God with all our hearts, if He really is most important to us, we won't be paralyzed by not knowing specific answers about God's will for our lives. This doesn't mean that we won't have questions about the details of our lives, but if our focus really is on Christ, we don't have to live in fear of making the wrong decisions and messing our lives up.