

Message Series: Gideon

Message Title: What are we afraid of?

Key Scripture:

Judges 6:1-14 NLT

Psalms 121 NIV

Message Summary

What are we afraid of? What do we look too? In the story of Gideon, because the people fear, or worship, the idols of the Amorites, they stop listening to God. God hands them over to the Midianites, and eventually, after hiding in the hills and caves for seven years - they cry out to God to come and rescue them. When we fear the wrong things, we look to the wrong things to come and help us - but when we realised that God is the one we should fear, and call on Him, he comes and sits with us and starts to work with us for our freedom.

How does applying this message affect our:

Fellowship - experiencing healthy relationships with other people

Are we looking to people, or to God to help us? As we ask that question, we need to acknowledge that God works through people, he sent Gideon to save the Israelites from their oppressors. How do we know we are looking to God through people to help us?

Discipleship - growing in Christ both in thought and deed

How are you dealing with things that are tough in your life? What are you running to to help you? If we looked at how we are using our time this week - what would it tell us about what or who we are looking too for our help?

Ministry - Discovering and using our God-given gifts and abilities

God sends Gideon, in the strength he has! Gideon feels as though he isn't significant enough for God to do anything with him. What do we have? What might God be sending us with?

Evangelism - Reaching out and sharing the love of Christ with unbelievers

In a world gripped by fear, and looking to all sorts of different people and philosophies to save them, how can we share the hope we have in Christ, and point people to Jesus as their refuge?

Worship - Surrendering our heart and life to Christ on an ongoing basis

What does it mean to fear God? Are there times when we aren't listening to God, because we are assigning worth to something or someone else?