

## **Group Notes - Week 2**

**Message Series: Gideon**  
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**Message Title: How can God ever use me?**

**Key Scripture:**  
Judges 6:11-18 NIV

### **Message Summary**

In a time where oppression and trial effects the Israelites, Gideon questions God asking him how could the worst have happened to them? But through the questioning and doubt, God keeps reassuring Gideon that he's with him, he's sending him and that he's a mighty warrior! How do we feel if we've hit a time in life of difficulty and pain of feeling we are of no use? Do you question how God could ever use you again - or even doubt could make you think you're not worthy of his call? We delve into Gideon to be remind and encouraged of who we belong to and who's strength we operate in!

### **How does applying this message affect our:**

#### **Fellowship - experiencing healthy relationships with other people**

*How are we encouraged by those around us and seeing how God has called them and using them? We are to be cautious not to have the spirit of comparison but be encouraged of how God uses each of us and be reminded that he wants to use us too!*

#### **Discipleship - growing in Christ both in thought and deed**

*What have been the difficult situations you've faced that you've not dealt with or processed? Do you think they're holding you back from stepping out into what God has for you? Maybe reflect this week and see what healthy decisions you could make to begin the process of overcoming.*

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

*God uses Gideon to help defeat the midianites. He reminds Gideon he's being sent. What could God be sending you out to do? Where could you make an impact?*

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

*How can we bring hope to those around us when we witness trials happening in the world - but also in the lives of friends and family around you? How can you encourage them that God still has a plan for them - even though it feels tough in the present?*

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

*Are you answering God's call for your life? Are you being obedient in where he's leading? Are you letting go of past pain to trust him for the next?*