

Message Series: Gideon

Message Title: Gideon Follow My Lead

Key Scripture:

Judges 7:16-22 Luke 16:10 Hebrews 11:32

Theme

There is clear reference in Isaiah 9, to Gideon's story of overcoming oppression from Midian, to develop mighty characteristics to help us overcome. To be the people of God who are FREE, we can learn from a biblical study on the life and character of Gideon found in Judges 6-8 to overcome for Renewal and life today.

Message Summary

Leadership/Leading: Jesus was the greatest leader of all time. Why? Because he was obedient to God the Father in every way, completely submitted into his authority.

Following/Influence: As much as we can admire someone else, be inspired or influenced by how they live their life, can we trust them? Are they fully following Jesus because if not – where are they taking their lead from? Are we fully submitting to God ourselves, are we allowing him to lead us in every area of our life?

What about me? All of us are designed for purpose and can be used by God. How much God can use you is really up to you..... How far are you willing to go?

Godly leaders: should lead people closer to God not themselves. We see Gideon (once convinced it was God speaking) submit, obey and ultimately lead his people to victory and freedom. "Watch me and follow my lead.."

Whole Group Questions

- **Think & Talk: When was the last time God directed you to do something that didn't make sense, seemed impossible or required radical trust?**
- **Where do you need to spend more focus on and allowing God to lead you in: Yourself, Your Community, Your World?**
- **Prayer: To seek God, listen, hear and then be obedient with what he is asking.**

Taking the 5 points the message of Gideon shows us about Leading and Following, how does this speak to you and your life?

- 1. Godly leaders aren't just standing around waiting to be discovered.**
- 2. God often calls and uses people that are already walking in current obedience.**
- 3. We all need to consult the Chief Strategist first.**
- 4. You can't expect to lead others if you don't start with yourself!**
- 5. Godly leaders are always growing as Christians.**

****** When we talk about Leading and Leadership, do not think this is reserved for a few selective individuals who may hold positions of authority. As Christians, all of**

us have a sphere of influence, are called to witness and be an example to others. (Remember someone is always watching!). We therefore need to consider who ultimately is leading us, who has the most influence over our life and are we willing to submit our will to obediently follow him? *****