

w/b 28th June 2015 Theme: GIDEON - ARISE A MIGHTY WARRIOR

PASSAGE: JUDGES CHAPTER 6

LAUNCH

When was the last time you were genuinely afraid?

Do you have any "phobias"?

How do you usually react when you are faced with your fear?

UNDERSTANDING

According to the passage what is the reason for Israel's oppressed state?

In what ways do similar types of sin affect Christians today?

In what way does Gideon blame God for his troubles in verse 13? Is Gideon's assessment accurate? Why or why not?

Why do we blame God? What's the danger of doing this?

Can you remember the last time you blamed God for something whilst deep down you recognized you had a key part to play in those events?

How did God see Gideon? How did Gideon see himself? (v12-15)

Whose perception is most accurate?

How can our own self-perception prevent us from becoming what God has made us to be?

What is the strategic significance of God's command for Gideon to tear down the Baal altar and Asherah pole? What positive thing is he to erect in their place?

Is there anything that God may be asking you to get rid of at the moment that you know distracts you away from your relationship with him?

What risks are involved in this action & why does Gideon do this at night?

Is this night mission a sign of weakness or of faith?

APPLICATION

- What challenging thing is God calling you to do in the next 3-4 weeks?
- What are the risks potentially attached to doing that thing?
- Go round the group and pray specifically for the challenging endeavour that each individual has signed up to do?

In future meetings try to gently hold each other accountable for pushing through with it.