

Registration is due Sunday, March 25! For more details and to register visit exit137.org/studentministry.



Gideon | March 14, 2018 Judges 6-8

1. <u>Private faithfulness</u> is required before <u>public usefulness</u>



2. God works through <u>ordinary</u>, <u>dedicated</u> people to accomplish <u>extraordinary</u> things so He can receive <u>glory</u> from it.

Saturday, May 12th You can raise funds for your trip to Creed Camp and other summer events through our annual golf tournament! Find out how at exit137.org/studentministry.

3. God wants to be king for <u>our whole life</u>. God wants to build your confidence in Him and lead others to Him.

Lift Question: What does your spiritual life look like in private?

Judges:	Leaders	of Grit	and	Grace
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2. Before God uses Gideon nationally, he calls him to destroy the idols at his own home. Pastor Scott said that "Private faithfulness is required before public usefulness." Read Luke 16:10. How does this principle apply to our own lives?

Journey Group Questions

- 1. Read Judges 6:11-16 and answer the following questions:
 - a. The story of Gideon begins with our hero hiding in a hole in the ground, preparing grain, afraid of his oppressors, yet the Lord greets him by saying, "The Lord is with you, O mighty man of valor." Gideon was not a man of valor. Why did the Lord address him like that?
 - b. At first, Gideon was frustrated and doubted God because of the evil he saw in the world around Him and in his own life. If God was really present in his situation, why wasn't He doing anything (vs 13)? Have you ever felt similar to Gideon? Have there been times when you looked at situations in your own life or in the world around you and wondered, "why isn't God doing anything? Does He care? Is He even there?"
 - c. What was the Lord's response to Gideon's complaint (vs 14-16)? How does this response challenge and encourage us when we are discouraged by situations and evils around us?

3. Gideon steps up to God's task of delivering the people and gathers an army of 32,000 men to fight (Judges 7:1). But God has a different plan. He cut down Gideon's army twice, leaving him with nothing but 300 men (Judges 7:2-8)! Why did God reduce Gideon's army? In what areas of your life are you tempted to strive for success and claim credit apart from God?

4. Who are the people around you that God wants you to work together with so that you can accomplish big things for Him?