













## Small Group/ Reflection Notes

	<b>07.11.21</b>	<b>Gideon: warrior not worrier</b>	
 Start	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> When was the last time you faced a fear?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Have you ever had to overcome your fear? How did you do it?</li> </ul>		
 Discuss	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> How many Bible figures can you think of who were afraid?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> How did their stories turn out?</li> </ul>		
 Read	<a href="#">Judges 6:1-18</a>	 Listen again	<a href="http://ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch">ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch</a> <a href="http://ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Talks">ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Talks</a>
 Explore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Read through verses 1-10. What reasons did the Israelites have to be afraid? Why was this mighty nation reduced to hiding in the clefts of mountains?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> v.6 - at what point in their difficulties did the Israelites turn to God for help?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> v.7-10 - what is God's initial response and how long does it seem He takes to send this prophet? Why do you think this is His first answer to the Israelites' cries for help? Is He simply punishing them or is there something else going on here?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> v.11 - what clues can you find that suggest that Gideon is afraid? How does the angel's term of address 'mighty warrior' seem ironic? Do you think it's intended to be sarcastic?!</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> v.13 - how do you imagine Gideon's tone of voice? What reasons does he have for these views? Have you ever felt like this?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> v.14 - how does the Lord's response to Gideon answer his doubts, anger and questions?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> v.15-16 - can you think of other Bible figures who have had this kind of conversation with God? What happens next?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> What happens when fear meets faith? Can you think of an example of this from your own experiences and / or from the testimony of someone else?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> v.17 - is Gideon right to test the messenger or is this a sign of weakness and doubt? What do you think you'd do if you were in his position?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> v.18 - what does this response reveal about the Lord?</li> </ul>		
 Go further	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Read <a href="#">Philippians 4:4-9</a>. This very familiar passage commands the reader to rejoice <b>always</b> and to pray over any anxieties. How feasible is this?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> When have you acted on this and seen God fulfill his promise in verse 7?</li> </ul>		

 Reflect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Which one verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> What is God putting on <i>your</i> heart?</li> </ul>
 Do	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Listen to <i>Rend Collective's</i> song '<a href="#">The Joy of the Lord</a>', recorded during the national lockdown. Let this be an anthem for any darkness you may be facing and pray through the words.</li> </ul>
 Pray	<p><b>Faithful God</b>, thank you that you are with me when _____. I believe that you go with me even in times of _____. I pray that [name] _____ would know your transcending peace today. Forgive my timid, doubting heart and fill me with a spirit of courage. Amen.</p>
 My questions:	

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