













Small Group/ Reflection Notes

	21.11.21		Gideon - mighty warrior
 Start	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> When was the last time you hid (or felt like doing so)? 		
 Discuss	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Take some time to discuss doubts you think are common for Christians. <input type="checkbox"/> How could you encourage someone facing a time of doubt? Why do you think we are often afraid to share doubts with others? 		
 Read	Judges 6:1-6. 12-17	 Listen again	ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Talks
 Explore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> v.1: The context here is following 40 years of peace, but this verse sounds like there is a correlation between the Israelites' 'doing evil' and their oppression from the Midianites. Is this a clear cut case of punishment from God? <input type="checkbox"/> What is the significance of the Israelites doing evil? What does this show us about their view of themselves as God's people? How can this have happened when he had shown his power and love for them so many times in the past? How can this happen to us in our Christian walk? <input type="checkbox"/> vs.2: what is the Israelites' response to the Midianite oppression? How is this sometimes the way we respond to life's challenges? In what ways can church become a hiding place from life's oppressions? What are the pros and cons of this? How does this contrast the Great Commission? <input type="checkbox"/> v.11: Why is Gideon threshing wheat in a wine press? Why do you think God chooses this moment in Gideon's day to speak; why not appear in a dream at night? What is being highlighted about Gideon and about God? <input type="checkbox"/> v.12: How can God's greeting to Gideon, 'mighty warrior', show us how God sees us too? Can you think of any other instances in scripture where God declares people's seemingly unlikely potential? <input type="checkbox"/> How do you imagine Gideon feels in response to this meeting? Why do you think he asks so many questions? Why can suppressing doubt and questions be dangerous to growing a real, deep and living faith? How can doubt be a good thing? 		
 Go further	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Read 2 Timothy 1: 6-12. How does Paul's advice here echo the guidance given to Gideon all those years before? <input type="checkbox"/> What do we learn about God from this passage? What do we learn about our relationship with Him? What do we learn about ourselves? 		

 Reflect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Which one verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention? <input type="checkbox"/> Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why? <input type="checkbox"/> What is God putting on <i>your</i> heart?
 Do	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> What could you do this week to take your faith out into the open? Thresh your wheat in the outdoors and know that God goes with you, mighty warrior.
 Pray	<p>Lord God, thank you that you speak to us when we call to you, you are faithful when we are not. Please help me to know your presence with me when _____ . I pray that you would give me your strength and courage to _____ . Amen.</p>
 My questions:	

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