



“This Year I Will Live With Purpose”

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INTRODUCTION

God chooses the most unlikely people to accomplish the most amazing things. As we look at the story of Gideon, we see a great example of how God can use us to accomplish great things.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Discuss a time when God used you in ways that exceeded your expectations.
2. Read Judges chapter 6
 - a. We read that the Israelites, God’s chosen people, came under severe oppression by the Midianites. It was never God’s plan or intention for them to live under such bondage. In Judges 6:10 we read how they got themselves into this situation.
 - b. Discuss some of the ways they got themselves into this situation.
3. Throughout the Bible it’s clear that God’s people often missed out on His promises and purposes when their hearts were given to idols. The same is true today.
 - a. Identify and discuss with your group some of the idols in our culture. (Discussion note: many of the good and wonderful blessings in our lives can become idols if we treasure them more than God.)
4. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17
 - a. Discuss with your group why we find it so difficult sometimes to see ourselves the way God sees us?
5. Read Judges 6:22
 - a. When do you see that Gideon had a transformation from fear to faith?
 - b. Where do you need peace in your life today? What worship song is speaking to your heart in this season of life?
6. Read Psalm 73:26, Jeremiah 24:7, Ezekiel 36:26, Romans 8:28. Which one of these verses encourages you and gives you hope for 2019? Share your reason why.

COMMIT TO MEMORY

'But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.' Philippians 3:13-14

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Take time this week to answer this question:

'This year I will _____.'

PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

Share prayer requests and close in prayer. Commit to praying for one another throughout the week.