

Growing Deeper
Tapping In

Week One - Does God Have More for Me?
Judges 6:11-16

Spend FIFTEEN – Day One

1. Does it seem to you that God is actively working in your life? Why or why not?
2. If you answered yes to question #1, give an example of how you see God at work.
3. Read Judges 6:11-16. What did the angel of the Lord say to Gideon in verse 12?
4. How did Gideon respond?
5. What does Gideon's reply to the angel of the Lord suggest would happen in Gideon's life if God were truly with him?
6. What about your life — how do you think your life is different because God is with you? Do you feel the same as Gideon?
7. If having a perfect success is not guaranteed by having a relationship with God, what else does he offer us? Read Isaiah 26:3 for insight.
8. End your FIFTEEN by asking God to help you see him at work in your life, especially at those times when it is not obvious to you.

Spend FIFTEEN - Day Two

9. On a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being the best, how would you rate your relationship with God? Are you happy with where you are?
10. Look at Judges 6:11-16. What did the angel of the Lord call Gideon in verse 12?
11. What does a mighty warrior look like in your mind?
12. What was Gideon doing when the angel of the Lord found him? (See vs. 11.)

13. Do you think that God saw something in Gideon that no one else, especially Gideon, saw? Or was God speaking into Gideon's life to make him become something he was not? Explain your answer.
14. In question #9, we began by asking how you felt about your relationship with God. After doing today's lesson, how do you think God would answer that question about you?
15. If you think God has something more to say to you, close your FIFTEEN by asking God to make you open to what he has to say to you, so that you are ready and able to tap into him when he speaks.

Spend FIFTEEN - Day Three

16. Yesterday we pondered whether God saw a great warrior in Gideon or if he was speaking a new identity into him. What about you? Do you feel as though you were born to do something specific or are you still trying to figure out what that might be?
17. Look again at Judges 6:11-16. What command did the angel of the Lord give Gideon in verse 14?
18. What was the angel's rationale for why Gideon would be successful?
19. If you were trying to do something new and courageous, might the understanding that God had chosen you make a difference?
20. How does this make you feel about improving your ability to hear God speak to you?
21. Read Psalm 119:129-131. These words were written by David, one of the greatest warriors ever. What did David want from God?
22. Close your FIFTEEN in prayer using David's words in Psalm 119 as your own. Ask God to light your way with his words.

Spend FIFTEEN - Day Four

23. Look again at Judges 6:11-16. What was Gideon's argument in verse 15?
24. Gideon only saw himself in one way, the lowest of the low. In what way have you allowed your position or circumstances to define you?

25. Read Ephesians 2:10. How does this verse describe us?

26. A better translation for the “handiwork” word is Masterpiece; we are God’s ultimate creation. Maybe you are not an artist, but if you were to create a masterpiece, something you treasured, how would you treat it?

27. God feels the same about you. Not only does he want the best for you, he wants you to become your best. Look again at Ephesians 2:10. Why has God created you?

28. How does knowing that God has created you, his Masterpiece, for a specific purpose affect your willingness to believe and listen to what he has to say to you?

29. As you finish your FIFTEEN, ask God to help you trust in his purpose for your life.

Spend FIFTEEN - Day Five

30. In case you’re wondering how things turned out for Gideon, read Hebrews 11:32-34 for a description of how he is remembered, historically. Does this sound like the same guy threshing wheat in the winepress?

31. If you have the time to read Gideon’s story in Judges 6-8, it is well worth it. Note some of the important lessons of Gideon’s life here.

32. What lesson about listening to God do you take from Gideon’s life?

33. Too often in our relationship with God, we are content with the obvious things God provides for us, so we don't think to ask for more. But God is speaking words of incredible value over us, words we don’t realize we badly need to hear. What words do you need to hear from God?

34. Close your FIFTEEN by asking God to say what you need to hear. Do you need to know you are a mighty warrior? Tell him so. Do you need to know you are his Masterpiece? Tell him what you need, then take the time to listen for his reply.