

## GIDEON LEARNS TRUST

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JUDGES 6-7

The Problem \_\_\_\_\_

vs. The Problem \_\_\_\_\_ (Judges 6:1-10)

Four Heart Questions:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (Judges 6:11-16)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ (Judges 6:25-28)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ (Judges 6:36-40)

4. \_\_\_\_\_ (Judges 7:1-8)

You don't have to \_\_\_\_\_ (Judges 7:9-25)

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

1. Tell about a time when your real problem turned out to be different from what you thought it was.
2. Read Judges 6:1-10. Summarize both Israel's external problem and their internal problem.
3. How does Gideon object to God's call on his life (Judges 6:11-16)? What other objections do people use to avoid what God is calling them to do?
4. The Israelites were trying to worship God alongside other gods (Judges 6:25-28). We are not tempted by Baal or Asherah today, but what kinds of idols do Christ-followers tolerate in their lives?
5. What trash (habitual sins, sources of temptation, inherited patterns, etc.) do you need to take out? What practical things will you do to "tear down the altars" (Judges 6:25) to false gods in your life?
6. Are there places where you know what God wants you to do (usually because of a clear command in Scripture) and you aren't doing it (Judges 6:36-40)? What can strengthen your trust in God so that you will obey?
7. What lesson did God teach Gideon by reducing his army (Judges 7:1-8)? In what ways do we need to learn this lesson too?
8. Why is it good news that we don't need to be the hero of our own stories? What do you need to do this Advent season to remind yourself that Jesus is the hero?

**Prayer Prompt:** On a sheet of paper, make two columns. Label the first column "Where do I need to trust God?" and label the second "Where am I trying to be the hero?" Spend a few minutes filling in each side - free write, make a bullet list, or jot down words that come to mind. Then pick one thing from each column, share them with a partner, and then pray a prayer of releasing those things into God's hands with your partner.