Triangle Bible Study Lesson 6: Judges 6

Warmup

• What did you find helpful from the lecture on Judges 6?

Day 1: Read Judges 6:1-6 [Open NIV] [Open NKJV]

- 1. In v. 1, what are you told about:
 - The Israelites?
 - The Lord?
 - The Midianites?
- 2. Describe how oppressive the Midianites and other eastern peoples were to the Israelites.
- 3. What did this oppression from Midian cause the Israelites to do once again? Be prepared to share with your discussion group about a time when you cried out to the Lord for help.

Day 2: Read Judges 6:7-10 [Open NIV] [Open NKJV]

- 4. How did God respond to Israel's cry for help?
- 5. Summarize what the prophet sent by God said to the Israelites.

6. Why do you think God needed to remind the Israelites of His past faithfulness to them? Write down times when God has demonstrated His faithfulness to you.

Day 3: Read Judges 6:11-18 [Open NIV] [Open NKJV]

- 7. Who did the angel of the Lord address in today's passage, and how did the angel address him?
- 8. How did Gideon respond to the angel of the Lord? (vs. 13-18)
- 9. How will you apply something learned from this conversation between Gideon and the angel of the Lord?

Day 4: Read Judges 6:19-24 [Open NIV] [Open NKJV]

- 10. How did Gideon show hospitality to the angel of the Lord, and how did the angel respond?
- 11. How was Gideon encouraged and empowered by the Lord?
- 12. Describe a time when you've been encouraged and empowered by the Lord.

Day 5: Read Judges 6:25-32 [Open NIV] [Open NKJV]

Note: Baal was the pagan god of agriculture, and Asherah was the pagan goddess of the sea, worshipped by building wooden pillars.

- 13. What did the Lord command from Gideon, and how did he respond?
- 14. What caused Gideon to be fearful of following God's command? Describe a time in your life when you were fearful to follow a command of God.
- 15. How did Joash, Gideon's father, demonstrate courage before the men of their town?

Day 6: Read Judges 6:33-40 [Open NIV] [Open NKJV]

- 16. What caused Gideon to react so boldly to the Midianites, Amalekites and all who joined forces against him in the Valley of Jezreel?
- 17. Describe a time in your life when you knew that the Spirit of the Lord was with you to face a difficult circumstance.
- 18. Do you believe Gideon was exhibiting a lack of faith by laying out two fleeces before God or was he simply trying to gain divine encouragement for the task he was facing? (vs. 36-40)