

Nov 3, 2024 - The Power and the Presence - Leader's Guide

Reading: Judges 6:1-24

1. Have you ever been in a situation where you felt perfectly equipped to meet a challenge? Describe it to the group. If not, have you ever felt completely overwhelmed by a situation? Share as you feel comfortable.
Allow the group to share as they feel comfortable.
2. What was humanity's original vocational call?
Humanity's original call was to be God's 'vice-regents', ruling over creation in his image and for his glory, for the flourishing of all creation.
3. What was God's plan for Israel as a nation?
Israel was to reflect to the rest of humanity what it looked like to live in a world where God was king - i.e. to live in the kingdom of God, by his precepts and with his presence.
4. What was the call to Israel's judges and kings?
Their call was to lead Israel back out of idolatry and into the worship of the true God, to reflect God's image to the nation so that they could reflect it to the world.
5. Why does God use the weakest and least likely people to enact his purposes? Does this give you hope? Why?
*God uses the weakest people so that it is very clear that it is him acting, so that he will receive the glory. If you have time, read Judges 7:1-8 for a vivid description of how God acts this out with Gideon.
It may give us hope knowing that God can and does work through our weaknesses.*
6. How do you understand our true vocation as 'priests in the kingdom of God'? How do you feel about that vocation as it relates to you?
For me, this is such an exciting vocation, and it cuts across any job or career, to give purpose to every moment of our lives.