

NAMES OF GOD

HOW BOASTING IN GOD'S NAME TRANSFORMS YOUR SOUL

Week 6: October 11-17

10min Welcome / Introduce Guests / Share Life
Recall the Guidelines / Open in Prayer

2min *Share the Vision: Making disciples of Jesus is relational! Let's take time to build relationships that point each other to Christ every day.*

5min **Hook Question:** When was a time everything seemed chaotic in your life?

Ask someone from your team to read or tell the following background for the story:

2min Gideon was one of 12 judges God used in Israel. When Israel fell into sin, God would raise up a judge to rebuke them for their sin and deliver them from their enemies.

God's call on Gideon's life was similar to Isaiah's call in last week's story. The people were caught in sin and were overcome by the Midianites. After the people cried out to God for help, they were rebuked for their sin by an unknown prophet. Then an angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon and called him to lead his people. Gideon did not recognize who he was talking to and was reluctant to listen.

After some discussion, Gideon went to prepare some food for his guest. When he came back, the angel told him to take the meat and unleavened bread and put it on a rock. Once Gideon did this, the angel touched the food with the tip of his staff. Fire came up from the rock and consumed the food and the angel vanished. Gideon then realized that he was talking to an angel of the LORD and he was afraid. Then the LORD said to him "Peace be to you. Do not fear; you shall not die." After this encounter, Gideon built an altar to the LORD and called it "The LORD is Peace" (Jehovah Shalom).

Not long after this, the Midianites and Amalekites came to declare war against the Israelites. The Spirit of the LORD clothed Gideon and he gathered an army of 32,000 men. This is where our story begins.

Tell the story from Judges 7:1-25 Remember to change up the storyteller often.

12min **Rebuild the story:** Group members retell the story based on what they remember.

Read the story from Judges 7:1-25 Ask the group to read these verses.

Discussion Questions: learn to talk about God's Word with others...

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| <p>Head
Questions:
Quicker
tempo.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you like or dislike about this story? • What does this story teach us about ourselves? • What does this story teach us about God? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Where is Christ in this story? |
| <p>Heart & Hand
Questions:
Slow down &
wait!</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the Holy Spirit speaking to you to act on as result of this story? • Who could retell the story for us? CHALLENGE: Tell the story to someone this week! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ask for a volunteer storyteller for next week. Close in prayer.</i> |