

AFFIRMATION OF GROWTH (15 MINUTES)

- **Check in:** Let each person share how their challenge went this week and one thing that God has taught them in facing it.
- **Opening Prayer:** Pray specifically for both those who struggled with the challenge and those who met their goal. Ask God to reveal truth and continue the work he began in each person.

BIBLE DISCOVERY (35-45 MINUTES)

- **Watch Video**
- **Big Idea for gGroup:** God's big plan never changes, but how God uses us in his orchestrated plans depends on our obedience to Him.
- **WHAT?**
 - **Read Judges 4:1-5**
 - What did Deborah do for the Israelites as a prophetess and judge?
 - **Read Judges 4: 6-10**
 - What showed us that Barak was timid and reluctant to follow God's commands?
 - For Barak what would need to happen for him to obey God?
 - What changed because of Barak's timid decision to have Deborah come with?
 - **Read Judges 4:11-17**
 - After reading verse 15 how did the weaker Israelite army defeat the 900 charioteers and all the other troops?
 - In verses 11 and 17 what do we know about the Heber family and their relationships to both the Israelites and King Jabin?
 - **Read Judges 4:18-24, 5:31**
 - What stood out to you about Jael's actions with Sisera and Barak?
- **SO WHAT?**
 - Explain why it is important for Christians to have a discipleship relationship with one another?
 - How does obedience affect God orchestrating His big plan?
 - What little things did we see in this passage that God used in His plans of delivering Israel?
- **NOW WHAT?**
 - What specifics in our lives make it hard for us to trust God's strength and plans when we know He is all powerful, all knowing, and is with us every step of the way?
 - Share a time you had someone that pushed you to obey God like Deborah did for Barak.
 - What step or steps do you need to take this week to be less like Barak?

CHALLENGE FOR LIFE (10 MINUTES)

- **One Challenge:** Has this passage revealed a point of growth or a needed change? Is there something you must do or voice in order to better obey God? Be specific and narrow it down with an "I will" statement
 - I will _____
- **Closing Prayer**
 - Pray for each member to be faithful to their challenge in the coming week
 - Pray for the continued growth in what was discussed from the Bible