

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 can do a lot with a few small steps of faith.
- **WHAT?**
 - **Read Judges 6:11-16**
 - How did the angel of the LORD describe Gideon in verse 12?
 - What fear was holding Gideon back?
 - **Read Judges 6:17-21**
 - Why did Gideon want a sign when other judges went off of God's promise?
 - **Read Judges 6:25-32**
 - What was Gideon afraid of?
 - Did the men find out who tore down the altar of Baal and the Asherah pole?
 - How was Gideon's life protected?
 - **Read Judges 6:33-6:40**
 - What did God do for Gideon to try to stir up confidence in God's promise in verse 16?
 - **Read Judges 7:7-15**
 - God was ready to fight, but when was Gideon ready?
 - What does everything leading up to this point tell us about Gideon?
 - Does Gideon seem to be a valiant warrior that God called him in 6:12?
 - **Read Judges 7:16-23**
 - Does Gideon's actions and how they fought show us he finally trusted God's promises?
- **SO WHAT?**
 - What causes Christians to trust in ourselves and not fully trust God?
 - When is someone ready to be used by God?
 - Why do we test God and should we test Him?
- **NOW WHAT?**
 - What has fear kept you from doing that God is calling you to do?
 - What is the next step for you to show God you are ready to serve and be used by Him?

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
- **Announce doing a group outreach project**
 - This semester we will be doing an outreach project as a group. Take time this week to think of close people that your group can minister too. It can be a coworker, a friend or even a family member. The purpose is to show Christ to them so they can have a relationship with Him. Next week, take time to plan it as a group.