



## ► In your Bible and Discipleship this week:

### **In your Bible this week:**

Study one of these passages each day to deepen the impact of the sermon in your life. Each session of pondering God's word will be like a spiritual meal and will nurture your soul for the day's challenges.

Deeper study from this week's sermon.

Day 1: Judges 6:1-40.

Day 2: Judges 7:1-25.

Day 3: Romans 1:19-32.

Day 4: Matthew 16:24-26.

Day 5: James 4:1-6.

**Discussion questions for processing the sermon with your disciple buddy or small group. Why not grab someone and use these questions to discuss the sermon in the Gathering Center after church?**

1. What might be 'idols' in our day? An idol is something or someone we look to for either acceptance, security, worth or significance. What might be some 'idols' in your life? How do these idols hold you back from the God revolution in your life and in the world?
2. Read Judges 6:25-32. How can you tear down the idols in your life? What would be the results and effect on other people?

**Conversation starters with non-Christian friends. Use your own words and don't be afraid that you won't have all the answers or feel pressure to 'close the deal.' Just raise some questions.**

1. Have you noticed how people revere celebrity status, whether sports, entertainment or money? Why would someone want to be rich and famous? What would a person get out of it? Are rich and famous people happy? If you were rich and famous would you be happy or would there be something missing?

**Bonus for the kids!** Gather 'em around to watch the Veggie Tales video, "Gideon, Tuba Warrior." Don't have the video, it's all on Youtube. Have fun and tell the kids what the Gideon story means to you.

"Mr. Gideon, tear down this idol." Judges 6:25

Oh little town of Bethlehem  
How still we see thee lie,  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting light  
The hope and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight

