



# UNDERDOG

overcoming obstacles to our God-given destinies

This past Sunday Pastor Roger launched us into a new sermon series titled Underdog: overcoming obstacles to our God-given destinies. We will be discussing the first half of the text Pastor Roger covered: Judges 6:11-18.

## FAMILY TIME

Take some time to share prayer requests and praise reports with each other and encourage folks to keep praying for each other's prayer requests throughout the week and to believe that these will become future praise reports.

## BIBLE DISCUSSION

Introduction Question: Was there ever a time when someone saw something in you that you didn't quite see for yourself? Or when someone believed in you when you weren't able to believe in yourself?

See attached for a printout of the passage for your lifegroup members to take notes on.

Possible Discussion Questions:

- What might the angel's greeting mean to Gideon?
  - o Why does the angel tell Gideon the Lord is with him?
  - o Why does the angel call him mighty warrior?
- How does Gideon respond to the angel?
  - o Why might he respond in this way?
- What does the angel tell Gideon to do?
  - o How does Gideon respond to this?
  - o Why does Gideon feel like he's inadequate/unqualified?
  - o Why does the angel think Gideon is adequate/qualified?

Reflection Question: Where in our lives do we feel inadequate or unqualified? What does God have to say about this? In the same way that the angel spoke identity to Gideon by calling him a mighty warrior and reminded him that the Lord is with him, what does God want to say to us about our current situations. If folks aren't familiar with hearing God's voice, this could be a good opportunity to help them take steps in growing in that or you can direct them to find words or promises from scripture to hold onto.

Small Group: Break up into groups of 3-4 to share about the ways we may feel inadequate or unqualified and about how God is speaking to us about these things. Then pray for each other to hold onto the words and promises they received from God.

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