



UNDERDOG

overcoming obstacles to our God-given destinies

This past Sunday Pastor Roger concluded the Underdog sermon series by talking about how God was the primary actor in the story. It was His power that really overcame Gideon's weaknesses. We will be discussing a part of the passage Pastor Roger covered, where God gives Gideon confirmation via a dream that an enemy soldier has, in Judges 7:9-18.

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. Ask one another what are you thankful for from the past week?

BIBLE DISCUSSION

Introduction Question: Share a time when you were in great need and someone really came through for you. (This can be a light-hearted question. Doesn't have to be super serious.)

See attached for a printout of the passage for your lifegroup members.

Key Discussion Questions:

- Given what you know about Gideon up until this passage, what do you notice about his development since his first encounter with the angel in Judges 6?
- Make observations about the dream narrative. What do you find interesting about it? What do these things tell us about Gideon? About God?
- Why do you think God chose Gideon to be a judge for the Israelites?
- What are some of the takeaways you've come away with from the series as a whole?

Reflection Question:

What is God saying to me about who I am? What are some of the battles in life that I'm facing? How do I need God to battle on my behalf?

Small Group:

Break up into groups of 3-4 to share about the areas in our lives where we want to trust God more with. Then pray for each other to hold onto the words and promises they received from God.

JUDGES 7:9-18 ·⁹ During that night the LORD said to Gideon, “Get up, go down against the camp, because I am going to give it into your hands. ¹⁰ If you are afraid to attack, go down to the camp with your servant Purah ¹¹ and listen to what they are saying. Afterward, you will be encouraged to attack the camp.” So he and Purah his servant went down to the outposts of the camp. ¹² The Midianites, the Amalekites and all the other eastern peoples had settled in the valley, thick as locusts. Their camels could no more be counted than the sand on the seashore.

¹³ Gideon arrived just as a man was telling a friend his dream. “I had a dream,” he was saying. “A round loaf of barley bread came tumbling into the Midianite camp. It struck the tent with such force that the tent overturned and collapsed.”

¹⁴ His friend responded, “This can be nothing other than the sword of Gideon son of Joash, the Israelite. God has given the Midianites and the whole camp into his hands.”

¹⁵ When Gideon heard the dream and its interpretation, he bowed down and worshiped. He returned to the camp of Israel and called out, “Get up! The LORD has given the Midianite camp into your hands.” ¹⁶ Dividing the three hundred men into three companies, he placed trumpets and empty jars in the hands of all of them, with torches inside.

¹⁷ “Watch me,” he told them. “Follow my lead. When I get to the edge of the camp, do exactly as I do. ¹⁸ When I and all who are with me blow our trumpets, then from all around the camp blow yours and shout, ‘For the LORD and for Gideon.’”