



True Grit 2 – Gaining Grit Discussion & Reflection Guide

Message & Scripture Discussion

- **Who is one person in your life who has had a big impact on your faith?**
- **What stood out to you from Sunday's service?** How did you sense God at work in you through the songs, the story video, the message, and being together with others as part of the church? (The message's main points and scripture are listed below if it helps you think back.)
- Eddie shared that “our spiritual influence always matters.” We see this in the Old Testament stories from the time of the judges, where generations drifted away from God by repeating and staying in destructive patterns.
 - **How have you observed the impact of faithfulness or unfaithfulness to God and his ways impact the next generation of a family or a community?**
 - **Take a moment and reflect on your own influence. Are you modeling spiritual interest and progress or spiritual apathy?**
 - **Who are some people you want to encourage in their faith? How can you work to encourage them this week?**
- In the story of Gideon, we see him fearfully hiding from his enemies and interacting with God in Judges 6:13 where he accuses God of abandoning him and his people. **Read Judges 6:11-16. What stands out to you from this exchange between Gideon and God?**
- Gideon had forgotten God's promise to be with him. Eddie recalled an important question for us to ask ourselves: “How big is your God?” He also shared that “who is with you makes all the difference.” Spend a moment reflecting and answering these questions honestly:
 - **Do you realize how big your God is? Have you had an experience that helped you grasp this?**
 - **Do you live like you know how great your God is? What would it look like for you to do so?**
- Eddie summed up his teaching this way: “The source of true grit is knowing God is with me.” **What are some practical ways to stay connected to God's presence this week? When are the moments you forget his closeness?**
- **Is there anything else from the message you want to explore more deeply this week?**

Message Main Points & Scripture

- Joshua 2:8-11 - Joshua son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died at the age of 110... After that generation died, another generation grew up who did not acknowledge the

LORD or remember the mighty things he had done for Israel. The Israelites did evil in the LORD's sight and served the images of Baal.

- **One generation of true devotion to God can save the generations that follow.**
- **our spiritual influence always matters**
- **there are reasons for all of God's commands, but we don't always know them beforehand**
- **"How big is your God?"**
- Judges 6:12 - The angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon and said, "Mighty hero, the LORD is with you!" "Sir," Gideon replied, "if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us? And where are all the miracles our ancestors told us about? Didn't they say, 'The LORD brought us up out of Egypt'? But now the LORD has abandoned us and handed us over to the Midianites."
- **The source of true grit is knowing God is with me.**
- Judges 6:14 - Then the LORD turned to him and said, "Go with the strength you have, and rescue Israel from the Midianites. I am sending you!" "But Lord," Gideon replied, "how can I rescue Israel? My clan is the weakest in the whole tribe of Manasseh, and I am the least in my entire family!"
- Judges 6:16 - The LORD said to him, "I will be with you. And you will destroy the Midianites as if you were fighting against one man."
- **who is with you makes all the difference**
- Romans 8:31-32 - If God is for us, who can ever be against us? Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else?
- **Do you live like you know how great your God is?**
- **God is big enough to validate our grit**
- **Only one thing can consistently defeat worry: God's word**
- **God is enough**
- **"How big is your God?"**

We hope you'll use this guide to take the teaching from Sunday's service and reflect on it with a few friends or with a group. If you have questions or want to talk more about how to take your next spiritual step, contact us at info@wschurch.org.

Write It Down – Do you want to grow in your ability to experience God at work in your life? The habit of writing down notes through journaling is a great way to slow down and keep track of what you're learning and observing. We created a simple journal with examples of ways to take notes (Sunday worship notes, daily reflection, prayer requests, and more). Learn more about this and other resources at wschurch.org/resources.