



## True Grit 1 – The Opposite of Quit Discussion & Reflection Guide

### Message & Scripture Discussion

- **What fictional character from a movie or TV show do you think of when you think of True Grit? Why?**
- **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.)
- John 16:33 in The Message reads, "In this godless world, you will continue to experience difficulties. But take heart! I've conquered the world." **How do you react to this passage? What is the first thing that pops into your head?**
- Look over the story of Saul in Acts 8 and 9. What sticks out about this story? **How do you react to Paul going from persecuting the church to becoming a leader in it?**
- Eddie shared that "grit is the opposite of quit." **How do you react to that? Have you ever experienced that in your life? What was it like?**
- Eddie offered this takeaway to consider: **Gritty believers draw their joy from Jesus, not their circumstances.** How does this challenge you?
- **Read Acts 9:15.** What from this passage resonates or challenges you? How do you respond to Paul's call to suffer?
- **Is there anything else from the message you want to explore more deeply this week?**

### Message Main Points & Scripture

- **Life is hard and it is tempting to give up.**
- John 16:33, The Message—"In this godless world you will continue to experience difficulties. But take heart! I've conquered the world."
- **I will continue to experience difficulties.**
- Isaiah 53:3—He was despised and rejected—a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief.
- John 15:18—"If the world hates you, remember that it hated me first."
- Acts 8:1—Saul was one of the witnesses, and he agreed completely with the killing of Stephen.
- Acts 9:15—"Go, for Saul is my chosen instrument to take my message to the Gentile and to kings, as well as to the people of Israel. And I will show him how much he must suffer for my name's sake."
- 2 Corinthians 11:23—I have worked harder, been put in prison more often, been whipped times without number, and faced death again and again. Five different times the Jewish leaders gave me thirty-nine lashes. Three times I was beaten with

rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked. Once I spent a whole night and a day adrift at sea. I have traveled on many long journeys. I have faced danger from rivers and from robbers. I have faced danger from my own people, the Jews, as well as from the Gentiles. I have faced danger in the cities, in the deserts, and on the seas. And I have faced danger from men who claim to be believers, but are not. I have worked hard and long, enduring many sleepless nights. I have been hungry and thirsty and have often gone without food. I have shivered in the cold, without enough clothing to keep me warm.

- **Grit is the opposite of quit.**
- 1 Corinthians 12:9–Each time God said, “My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.” So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. That’s why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.
- **God wants to use my weakness to showcase his strength**
- **Even if I am at zero with Jesus today, he can take me as far as I’m willing to go.**
- Philippians 3:8–Everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ and become one with him.
- Philippians 3:10– I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead!
- **Gritty believers draw their joy from Jesus, not their circumstances.**
- Acts 13:51–So they shook the dust from their feet as a sign of rejection and went to the town of Iconium. And the believers were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit
- **Some of us are completely dependent on favorable circumstances for our joy.**
- Philippians 4:11.–“I have learned how to be content with whatever I have. I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.
- 1 Thes 5:16–Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

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](mailto:info@wschurch.org).

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