

Sermon discussion questions

SERMON TITLE: GIDEON'S 300
"A Few Good Men"

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KEY SCRIPTURE: Judges 6:33-35, 7:1-7

Judges 7:1-7

7 Early in the morning, Jerub-Baal (that is, Gideon) and all his men camped at the spring of Harod. The camp of Midian was north of them in the valley near the hill of Moreh. ²The LORD said to Gideon, "You have too many men. I cannot deliver Midian into their hands, or Israel would boast against me, 'My own strength has saved me.' ³Now announce to the army, 'Anyone who trembles with fear may turn back and leave Mount Gilead.'" So twenty-two thousand men left, while ten thousand remained. ⁴But the LORD said to Gideon, "There are still too many men. Take them down to the water, and I will thin them out for you there. If I say, 'This one shall go with you,' he shall go; but if I say, 'This one shall not go with you,' he shall not go." ⁵So Gideon took the men down to the water. There the LORD told him, "Separate those who lap the water with their tongues as a dog laps from those who kneel down to drink." ⁶Three hundred of them drank from cupped hands, lapping like dogs. All the rest got down on their knees to drink. ⁷The LORD said to Gideon, "With the three hundred men that lapped I will save you and give the Midianites into your hands. Let all the others go home."

OPENING QUESTIONS:

- What are you celebrating in your life this week? (What are you thankful for?)
- What's challenging you this week? (What do you need prayer for?)

SCRIPTURE: Read the scripture out loud.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What do you do when faced with a very difficult if not impossible situation?

What situations have you faced in your life that you could only win with God's Divine Intervention?

According to Deuteronomy 20:1-9, what is the importance of getting rid of fear if going into battle?

Why did God reduce Gideon's army to 300 men when he was already faced with an impossible situation?

Have you ever wanted to stay out or simply leave the battle? How will you respond when God calls?

- Some are taken out of the battle. What do you believe makes us qualified for the battle?
- Have you ever been stripped down to nothing? Why is less always more with God?

PRAYER: Take time to pray for one another. Pray for the faith to trust God when faced with impossible situations. May we decrease so God may increase in us and grant us the victory. May we be vessels fit for the Master's use.