



## The Rise and Fall of Gideon

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### Questions for Study and Group Discussion

*\*\* Before you begin, please read Judges 6:1-16 as a group.*

1. Icebreaker: What company (retail store, fast food chain, etc.) did you enjoy at one point but no longer exists? What did you enjoy about that company?
2. Compare Judges 6:11 and Judges 6:14. Based on this, who is the angel of the Lord?
3. From Judges 6:11-16, what hints do we get about how Gideon sees himself and his situation?
4. How does the Lord address Gideon? Based on your answer to the previous question, what stands out to you about this?
5. Read Judges 7:1-8. (Scan 6:33-7:25 for fuller context.) How is God teaching Gideon radical dependence on Him?
6. Read Judges 8:22-25. Make a list of 3-5 observations that indicate the “fall” of Gideon.
7. In the sermon, the following four points were shared — showing how Gideon’s story carries relevance for our lives today. For each point, (1) anchor the point in the story of Gideon and (2) share how this lesson is relevant for your own life.
  - Gideon’s story gives a definition of true success.
  - Gideon’s story reveals a sobering view of ourselves.
  - Gideon’s story provides a big view of God.
  - Gideon’s story shows that failure is not the final word.
8. Practically speaking, what can you do to apply something you read from this passage or heard in the sermon?
9. What other questions or comments do you have about what you’ve looked at in the Bible today?
10. What was your biggest take-away from the message? Why?