



**Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions**  
Topic: *The Valley of Jezreel: An Unusual Battle*  
Text: Judges 6-7  
Service Date: September 22, 2024

Note: The questions are only a starting point for discussion. Don't hesitate to modify, adapt, or highlight only specific ones to fit your group and/or personal study.

### **Getting Started**

- The sermon opened talking about stories of “underdogs” who came out as winners. Do you have any favorite underdog stories you can recall that inspired you- moment from your life, a movie, book, sports game, etc?
- What were things from the sermon that stuck out to you or further questions you had?

### **Sermon Discussion**

- Gideon was given a task. Have you ever felt called by God to do a task for Him? If so, what was the task and how did you respond?
- Paul noted that Gideon doubted God's choice, His leading, and His methodology. Why do we often find ourselves not trusting God when He never leaves us and always wants us to have faith in Him (and not ourselves)? Do you think our faith centers too much on what we can/can't do instead of trusting what God can do through us, despite our weaknesses?
- We may have times in our life when we go between the spiritual high of the presence of God and the lows of feeling like God is not with us. But God never leaves us. Why do you think we view these times where we feel alone as an absence of God? How do find assurance that He is always with us?
- Gideon wavered between the presence of God and the absence of God. Can you think of a time in your life where you've been in a similar state of mind? What is it that causes all Christ-followers to find themselves in this spot at points in their life?

- The sermon noted, “When it looks like God is losing, don’t worry, He will show up!” How is God “showing up” different than what the world thinks should be done? Do you see any cross-references to the way Jesus came to earth in a manger vs. the world thinking He should be coming as a king?
- Gideon asked for a sign because he doubted God’s leading, his methodology, and his choice. Many have said the words, “God, just give me a sign.” Why do we desire a sign from God when He has given us so many promises in His word?
- Life can be full of trials and uncertainties. It is easy for worry to overcrowd our hearts and minds, leaving little to no room for God. How can we be mindful of leaving room for God every day, and most importantly in our trials? What needs to be removed to make room for Him?
- God’s timing is perfect in His way and may not be in the same timeframe that we request or want from Him. How do you stay faithful in your walk with Christ in times of trial when timing is something in which you’re wrestling? Name specific ways that you battle this worry.
- Romans 8:28, “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to His purpose.” How would you explain this verse to someone going through a difficult time and wondering where God is and why He doesn’t intervene at that moment?

## Resources

Book: *Second Guessing God* by Brian Jones

Website: S.H.A.P.E. Test ([tri-village.org/shape](http://tri-village.org/shape))

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## Have you or someone in your group experienced a Story of Life Change?

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