

Series: God's Story: Finding Our Place in His Unfolding Plan

May 14, 2017 – Judges 7:1-23 – Gideon: How Does God Work?

Where is God?

When have you related to Gideon's feelings in Judges 6 – that God seems to be absent?

Can you think of a time when God showed you a clear sign that He was with you?

Has the memory of that moment helped you in later times?

God's One Requirement (1-18)

As God has called and saved His people, what has been His overarching purpose? (Genesis 12:3, Exodus 7:5, Numbers 14:13-19, Deuteronomy 7:6-9, Joshua 6)

What problem does God identify in v.2? What is His reason? What solution does He require (v.3-8)?

What do you think of Gideon's war strategy? (v.15-18) What lesson had he learned? What does His confidence rest on?

God's Ways are not our Ways (19-23)

What do you think of the examples of pruning fruit trees, non-violent protest, and Henri Nouwen's healing process?

When have you found things to work in the opposite way that you'd expect?

How do we see this in Jesus's teachings? (Matthew 5:3-10)

Small Enough to be Useful

How does God work? Who does He use? (1 Corinthians 1:26-31, 2 Corinthians 12:9-10)

Consider a problem in your life – how can you trust God in it? Ask God what small step of faith He may be calling you to take.