

## **Gideon: The Unlikely Hero Goes Public**

### Homework

#### **Getting Started**

1. What excuses have you ever used to rationalize not sharing your faith in public?
  - I don't know enough about the Bible.
  - I don't have enough time.
  - I don't associate with unbelievers.
  - I'm frightened of what someone will think of me.
  - I don't want to jeopardize my career, my reputation, or my relationships.
  - other
2. What inspires you to share your faith or take a bold moral stand that runs counter-culture?

#### **Going Deeper (Read Judges 6:25-35)**

1. What was God's first assignment given to Gideon after his call?
2. What is the significance of Gideon cutting down the altars in his father's household?
3. What is the significance of the seven year old bull that God commanded Gideon to sacrifice?
4. Why did God command Gideon to build an altar to the LORD on top of the pagan altar?
5. Why did Gideon obey God at night?
6. Is fear always an evidence of a lack of faith?
7. When obedience to God requires you to disobey your surrounding culture, is it natural to be a little fearful? Why?
8. What kinds of moral and spiritual issues require you to be at odds with our culture?

9. What did Gideon's townsmen consider to be the proper response to Gideon's act of obedience? Is that kind of twisted rationalization still at work today in modern culture?
10. What surprising response did Gideon and the townspeople receive from his father when Joash was confronted with the facts?
11. What logic did Joash use to quell the crowd's homicidal anger?
12. Should Christians today be afraid of negative public response? Why? Why not?
13. Can you relate a circumstance when you were rejected by unbelievers because of your Christian stand?

### **Growing Stronger**

1. How did Gideon's public reputation change when he obeyed God?
2. How does a Christian build a reputation of faithfulness to God today?
3. What does the Hebrew literally say about the Holy Spirit's work in Gideon's life?
4. When you live obediently to the LORD, will the devil leave you alone? Why/Why not?
5. What assurances do you have when you become the target of Satan? See Ephesians 6.

### **Getting Together**

Pray audibly for one another's needs, realizing that this is part of being in fellowship with God and one another.