

Life Group Discussion Material – Sunday, February 27th Message

The Power of Peace (Judges 6)

Judges – The Cycle of Sin

1. Read Judges 6:1-10. We see the first two stages in the cycle of sin unfolding here. What do you notice about verses 7-10 in how God responds to the people through the prophet?
2. Read verses 11-14. Even though Gideon is hiding out while threshing his grain, how does the angel of the Lord address him in vs. 12 & 14? Why do you think Gideon is addressed this way?
3. Read verses 17-24. What caused Gideon to recognize the Lord and how did he respond?
4. Jehovah-Shalom means “The Lord is Peace.” Why does Gideon call God by this name in verse 24?
5. Acquiring peace begins with worship. Is worship your first response in moments when you need peace? What could that look like?
6. Review the following verses in regard to peace and discuss them:
 - Spiritual peace: *Romans 5:1*
 - Mental Peace: *Isaiah 26:3; Philippians 4:8-9*
 - Emotional Peace: *Philippians 4:6-7*
 - Physical Peace: *Matthew 11:28-30*
7. Read verses 25-27. Gideon’s first test was to destroy a pagan altar. Was fear absent when he did this? What does this tell us about fear when the peace of God rules your heart? Look up the following verses:
 - Isaiah 41:10*
 - John 14:27*
 - John 16:33*