

Life Group Discussion Material – Sunday, March 20th Message

The Fall of Gideon (Judges 8)

Judges – The Cycle of Sin

1. Re-read Judges 8:4-21. How is this section of Scripture drastically different than Judges chapters 6 & 7?
(Leader hint: Who becomes the focus in this section or who is not as present in this section?)
2. The application for this section was: *Don't let your distorted personal agenda be tied to God's actual command.* How easy is it for us as people to attach our ideas or beliefs to what God's word actually says? What are the dangers in doing this?
3. Scholars are divided on whether pride became an issue for Gideon in his pursuit of the enemy; either way, why is pride so dangerous?
*Read Proverbs 16:18.
(Leader hint: Pride blinds us and says, "I don't need God.")
4. Why is idolatry so dangerous?
(Leader hint: Idolatry misleads us and says, "I need God and...")
5. Discuss how both pride and idolatry be *"subtle destroyers."*
6. Re-read Judges 8:29-35. How did sin spoil Gideon's legacy?
7. Read the following quote by pastor:
"Unrepentance [practiced sin] undermines the truth of God's deliverance and when we don't properly model repentance to the next generation, we multiply the potential that they won't take the faith seriously."

Pastor mentioned the specific sins of anger, gossip, a lying tongue, and unforgiveness. How are these sins (and any others you can think of) so dangerous, when not repented of, in showing a bad example to the next generation?