

Discussion Guide -- “Unlikely Hero”
Week of May 20, 2018

Read Judges 6:1-18; Philippians 4:13

- As you read through the book of Judges, there is a recurring pattern: the people would rebel against God; God would allow them to be “conquered” and oppressed; the Israelites would turn to God in repentance; God would send a judge to rescue them.
- What do you think? Was God punishing the Israelites for their disobedience or simply withdrawing His protection from them? Is there a difference? Does God still do that to His people now in modern times?
- God sent an angel to Gideon to give him the task of helping free the Israelites from the Midianites. What did the angel call him (Judges 6:12)? Does this surprise you? Why?
- Consider carefully the discussion between the angel and Gideon – what the angel says to Gideon, how Gideon responds, what the angel says back, etc. (vs. 13-18). Does the flow of conversation surprise you? How might you have responded had you been Gideon? Would you be afraid to talk to God or an angel this way?
- What does Paul say in Philippians 4:13? What is he talking about in the context (read Phil. 4:10-19)? How might the truth of what he says apply to the situation Gideon faced in Judges chapter 6?
- When you consider the message God has in these two passages, what is the one thing that stands out the most to you? How could you apply this to your life? What do you think you should “do” about it?