

# FUSION Q's... Gideon Part 4: A Shadow of Jesus

## Discussion Theme: OT Stories Point to Jesus

*Purpose of Discussion:* to help students see the "big picture" of the Bible stories like Gideon - that they are all meant to point us towards Jesus

### 1. Discussion Starter...

- What's your favourite story in the Bible? Why is it your favourite?

### 2. Read Hebrews 11:32-34; 12:1-4 (p.733)

### 3. Discussing the text

- Who is the great crowd of witnesses?
- What do we learn from them?
- What does this crowd inspire us to do?
- Where are our eyes supposed to be in "the race"?
- How did Jesus view the cross?
- What happens to us when we think of all the hostility Jesus faced?

### 4. Redirection

One of things we often overlook about the Bible (especially the OT) is that the entire Bible is pointing towards Jesus. Every story, every event, every verse of every line in some way points to one central figure - the real hero and champion of the Bible, Jesus. The story of Gideon is one of these stories. Each of these characters we are introduced to is just like us - flawed, struggles with trust, and in some way points to Jesus but is obviously not him.

These stories are meant to inspire us and help us in our own journeys of faith. They show us that it is always faith in God and his word that will give us the strength we need and help us navigate the difficult seasons of doubt and hardship.

### 5. Digging Deeper

- What stood out to you tonight from the talk?
- In the discussion starter, everyone said what their favourite Bible story is. How does the story you picked point towards Jesus?
- What is the purpose of "the great crowd of witnesses"?
- What types of "weights" slow us down in our relationship with Jesus? (list some examples that are not sinful)
- How does sin "trip us up" in our relationship with Jesus?
- How does a person keep their "eyes" on Jesus? What kind of eyes is the Bible talking about?
- The writer of Hebrews says that if we keep our eyes on Jesus and remember what he went through, it will help us when we get discouraged. How does this work?