

FUSION Q's... Gideon Part 1: But I will Be With You

Discussion Starter...

Ask the students how their week went. Are there things your students want to pray about? Write them in your journal and pray with your students (don't force a student to pray if they are not wanting to)

Discussion Theme: True Confidence

Purpose of Discussion: to help students see that confidence lies in who God is, not who they are. Confidence does not come from within, but rather from knowing that God is with us.

1. Theme Question for Discussion...

→ Have you ever wondered why God chose the people he did to do great things? What was special about these people?

2. Read Judges 6:11-16 (p.148); 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

3. Discussing the text

- Who visited Gideon?
- What did he say to Gideon?
- Why did Gideon doubt he could do what the Angel was asking?
- How did the Angel respond to Gideon's doubt?

4. Redirection

Our culture praises strength and power and elevates those who possess it; however, the Bible does not do this. In fact, almost all of the men and women that God chose to use were ordinary people who did not possess anything of special value. Yet, in their human weakness, God used them to do unimaginable feats and

conquer unconquerable nations. What was the common factor with all of these ordinary people? The had faith that God was who he said he was, that he always keeps his word and that he was with them.

5. Digging Deeper

*****Leader's key thought:** these questions are meant to help students understand that their confidence needs to come from faith. Faith in who God is, that he keeps his promises and that he is always with us.

- What stuck out to you tonight from today's talk?
- Why do you think God tends to choose the unlikely rather than the most likely to work through?
- Why is this good news for us?
- What is it about God's presence in our lives that gives us confidence?
- When do you find it hard to believe that God is with you?
- What do you think God wants to accomplish through you?