

Community Group Discussion Questions

July 21 – 22, 2018

Title: "The Checklist"

Text: Judges 6:25-35

Read Judges 6:25-35 in your group and review the below sermon notes.

Target: THE CHECKLIST has become the gauge of whether or not we hit the target, thus causing us to place THE CHECKLIST into every sector of our lives, but there is one CHECKLIST missing from most of our lives and that is in our relationship with God. Today's message will help us do exactly that!!!

☐ **TRUE ALLEGIANCE:**

- ✓ **RELEASE YOUR ITINERARIES:** *"that night"* (Vs. 25)
- ✓ **REGARD HIM AS IMPORTANT:** *"the Lord said to him"* (Vs. 25)
- ✓ **RECEIVE HIS INSTRUCTION:** *"take your..."* (Vs. 25)
 - ❖ **Take Down:** *"altar of Baal that your father has"* (Vs. 25)
 - ❖ **Cut Down:** *"the Asherah that is beside it"* (Vs. 25)
 - ❖ **Build up:** *"an altar to the LORD your God on the top of the stronghold here"* (Vs. 26)
 - ❖ **Light up:** *"burnt offering with the wood of the Asherah that you shall cut down"* (Vs. 26)

☐ **TIMELY OBEDIENCE:**

- ✓ **Accepts Responsibility:** *"took ten men of his servants and did as the LORD had told him"* (Vs. 27)
- ✓ **Always Costly:** *"he was too afraid of his family and the men of the town to do it by day, he did it by night"* (Vs. 27)
- ✓ **Awakens Bravery:** *"And they said to one another, "Who has done this thing?"* (Vs. 29)
 - ❖ **Relationship Restored:** *"But Joash said to all who stood against him"* (Vs. 31)
 - ❖ **Religion Rejected:** *"let him contend for himself, because his altar has been broken down"* (Vs. 31)
 - ❖ **Reputation Received:** *"Gideon was called Jerubbaal... "Let Baal contend against him," because he broke down his altar"* (Vs. 32)

☐ **TOTAL DEPENDENCE:**

- ✓ **Never Outnumbered:** *"the people of the East came together, and they crossed the Jordan and encamped in the Valley of Jezreel"* (Vs. 33)
- ✓ **Never Outmatched:** *"But the Spirit of the LORD"* (Vs. 34)
 - ❖ **Holy Spirit Power:** *"clothed Gideon"* (Vs. 34)

❖ **Holy Spirit Perspective:** *“sounded the trumpet”* (Vs. 34)

Takeaway: The feeling of accomplishment is an emotional response caused by the completion of an assignment. Creating a sense of identity that is interwoven into what we do and how we do it. Therefore, since our identity is “IN CHRIST” begin with a check in the mirror before you begin a checklist for the day.

Ask individuals to discuss with the group what they felt God was saying to them individually through the sermon.

In verse 25 we note that plans/itineraries have had to change. Is it hard for you to allow God to change your plans? Why or why not?

Why is obeying God promptly important? Could not be obeying God promptly be a sin? Give Biblical references for your answers.

Read the following verses:

- **“For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.” ~ 1 Timothy 1:7**
- **“What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?” ~ Romans 8:31**

We were certainly made to be courageous as Followers of Christ. What are some ways that God is calling you to be courageous in your walk right now?

The Holy Spirit “clothed Gideon”. Give some examples of times when you followed the Holy Spirit although it was different from the direction you wanted to go. What was the outcome?

Share prayer requests and spend some time praying for one another.