

Study Notes based on Sunday 29 July 2018

Heroes

Gideon : Graeme

Judges 7:8-24

1. What is your definition of a hero?
2. Who are your personal heroes and why?
3. Reflect on the circumstances Gideon finds himself in at the beginning of the story.
4. Why is Gideon shocked at the angels greeting?
5. Gideon doubts like the rest of us but takes God at His word. Graeme suggested we can get lost in our doubts and keep revisiting them. What do we think about this observation? Have we ever been stuck like this? How did we break the cycle?
6. How do you respond to Graeme's assertion that discovering a new doubt is a sign of progress?
7. Gideon takes action to move on. What specific actions do we see him taking? Graeme suggested that we make prevarication an art form? Is this something we recognise? How can we deal with prevarication?
8. Gideon gives God glory publicly. This was not Gideon's victory but God's. How can we do this without sounding cringeworthy pious? Do we struggle to receive praise or compliments? Is this always a bad thing?
9. Read Proverbs 3:5-6. Have we become an underground movement? Have we found that the name Jesus provokes reaction?
10. Discuss the difference between doubt and fear. Graeme suggested that once we commit to action, doubt may disappear, but fear remains.

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