

Small Group Questions: Kidscoast Takeover: Calling Out The Champions

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Read

Judges 6–7; Philippians 4:8; Proverbs 13:20; Matthew 5: 13–16; Psalm 19: 14; and Ephesians 1:11 and 4:29

Reflect

In Judges 6 and 7, an angel of the Lord calls out to Gideon, “The Lord is with you, mighty warrior.” But Gideon basically tells God he is no warrior. The Israelites have been oppressed by the Midianites for a long time, and Gideon himself is part of the weakest clan of Manasseh and the least in his family. But as his trust in God grows, Gideon eventually becomes the warrior God called him, defeating the vast Midianite army, with only 300 men. When has God called you to something you didn’t think you could do?

Guest speaker Tom Mullins gives us three coaching tips to establish a life that affirms:

1. Discipline your thought life.
 - a. Do you tend to run yourself and others down?
 - b. Do you consciously try to identify the lies and negative thoughts that come into your mind?
 - i. How do you capture and dispel them? What Bible verses help you do this?
 - c. Would you say you tend to look for the best in people?
 - i. How can you do a better job of speaking the best of people and giving them your best?
2. Hang with affirmers.
 - a. Who do you like most to be around, and why? Are they encouraging? Are they wise? How are they supportive?
 - b. When and how have words of encouragement made a significant impact on you?
 - c. Who needs you to be an affirming person in his or her life? How are you encouraging the next generation?
3. Stay on mission.
 - a. What are three words you use to identify yourself? Do you think those are the words Jesus would use, too?
 - b. How do your words and actions support or undermine the way you see yourself?
 - c. What is one thing you can do this next week to show that you are actively:
 - i. the salt of the earth.
 - ii. the light of the world.

Respond: Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?