



ENTER God's presence

Psalm 78:1-7

- ¹ My people, hear my teaching;
listen to the words of my mouth.
- ² I will open my mouth with a parable;
I will utter hidden things, things from of old—
- ³ things we have heard and known,
things our ancestors have told us.
- ⁴ We will not hide them from their descendants;
we will tell the next generation
the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord,
his power, and the wonders he has done.
- ⁵ He decreed statutes for Jacob
and established the law in Israel,
which he commanded our ancestors
to teach their children,
- ⁶ so the next generation would know them,
even the children yet to be born,
and they in turn would tell their children.
- ⁷ Then they would put their trust in God
and would not forget his deeds
but would keep his commands.

Pray: Gracious Father, as we gather now to reflect on your Word, remind us of all the ways you have acted powerfully through flawed yet faithful people. Help us to recall your mighty deeds and to trust that you are still at work using flawed who faithfully follow where you lead. Amen.



SHARE life together

1. **What are your highs and lows since you last met?**
2. **Share a story of a time you were asked to do something you didn't feel qualified or prepared for. What happened?**
3. **What's something you have always wanted to try but have never quite gotten around to doing?**

Week beginning:
Monday 15th June 2026

Worship series:
What If God Really Could...
#5 Use You!



VERSE for the week

The Lord turned to him [Gideon] and said, “go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian’s hand. Am I not sending you?”

Judges 6:14



REMEMBER this week

God chooses to work through you for His purposes, nothing disqualifies you.

Over the last 4 weeks, we have explored some big questions. What if God really could make you brave? What if He could make you strong? What if God really does forgive you and set you free? Each of these questions challenge us to trust God's promises more deeply. We have been reminded that courage comes from the Holy Spirit, strength comes through God's grace, forgiveness comes through Christ and true freedom is found in abiding in him.

This week we arrive at the final question for this series, ***“What if God really could use you?”***

At first glance, Gideon may seem like an unlikely person for God to use. He is hiding, fearful, uncertain, and full of excuses. Yet as we read his story, we discover that God is often less concerned about our qualifications than we are. The same God who worked through Gideon continues to work through ordinary people today.

So, as you read Judges 6:7-23 [HERE](#) or in your own Bible, consider the following question, “If everything we have explored over the last 4 weeks is true, what might still be stopping us from trusting God enough to take the next step he is calling us to take?”

4. **What verse/concept/teaching in these readings caught your attention and what was challenging/confronting/comforting about them for you?**
5. **What stands out to you about Gideon's situation when we first meet him in this passage?**
6. **Why do you think Gideon responds the way he does when God calls him a “mighty warrior”?**
7. **What reason does Gideon give for believing that God cannot use him?**
8. **What does God's response reveal about where Gideon's confidence should come from?**



Gideon knew the stories of God's faithfulness. He could recount the exodus and the mighty deeds God had performed for Israel in generations past. Yet when faced with the challenges of his own time, Gideon struggled to believe that God was still at work. Perhaps we can relate. It is often easier to recognise God's activity in hindsight than it is to trust Him in the present. We can point to moments when God worked powerfully in the lives of biblical figures, historical Christians, or even previous generations in our own churches. Yet when God calls ordinary people like us to participate in His work today, doubts, fears, and excuses can quickly surface.

9. **In verse 13, Gideon asks, “where are all his wonders that our ancestors told us about?”. Why do you think it can be easier to recognise God's work in the past than to see what he is doing in the present?**
10. **Gideon immediately focuses on his limitations: “My clan is the weakest... and I am the least.” What are some of the most common reasons Christians give for believing God cannot use them today?**
11. **God's answer to Gideon is not to argue with his assessment of himself. Instead, God says, “I will be with you.” Why is God's presence a more important source of confidence than our abilities, experience, or resources?**
12. **Looking back over this entire series, what do you think is the biggest obstacle that prevents people from trusting God and stepping out in faith? Fear? Failure? Busyness? Comfort? Something else?**



LIVE purposefully

MAKE IT REAL:

Throughout this series we have been challenged to trust God's promises more deeply. We have reflected on the courage He gives, the strength He provides, the forgiveness He offers, the freedom He brings, and now the possibility that He might choose to work through ordinary people like us. Gideon's story reminds us that God rarely calls people who feel completely ready. More often, He calls people who feel inadequate, uncertain, or unqualified and invites them to trust that His presence will be enough.

The challenge for us is not simply to admire Gideon's story or celebrate what God has done in the past. It is to consider where God may be inviting us to trust Him today. As you reflect on your own life, consider what it might look like to take a faithful next step, trusting that the God who called Gideon is still at work and still calling His people today.

13. **Where do you sense God may be inviting you to trust Him more deeply in your life at the moment?**
14. **Is there an opportunity, conversation, act of service, or step of faith that you have been avoiding because you feel unqualified or uncertain? How could you move towards overcoming that feeling and stepping into what God is calling you to?**
15. **What is one practical step you could take this week to move simply from remembering God's faithfulness to participating in what He is doing today?**

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PRAY intentionally

You might like to pray together the following prayer, or spend time sharing together your prayer needs and praying for one another.

Heavenly Father, We thank You for the journey we have shared throughout this series. Thank You for reminding us that You make us brave when we are afraid, strong when we are weak, forgiven when we fail, and free through the saving work of Jesus. As we come to the end of this study, help us to remember that You are not only the God who worked in the lives of people long ago. You are the God who is still at work today. Open our eyes to see where You are moving in our families, our workplaces, our communities, and our church.

Use us, Lord, in whatever ways bring glory to You and blessing to those around us. May our lives point others to Jesus and help them discover the hope, freedom, and new life that are found in Him.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



BLESS one another

You might like to address one person in your group and make the sign of the cross on their forehead or on the palm of their hand as you say...

[Name], Abide in Christ and trust that he is at work in and through you. Amen.