

Connect Group Conversation (Leader Guide)

Week of April 14th, 2024

MAIN IDEA

Life can be quite the roller coaster ride at times, as people going through our everyday lives, we can experience moments of joy and moments of heartache. Moments of confusion and moments of total clarity. Pastor Billy encouraged us this morning to look at the unexpected moments Gideon faced and how that ties to the Unexpected in our own lives.

Leader Tip: As we dive into our discussion about life's unexpected twists and turns, remember that everyone's roller coaster ride is different. Pastor Billy touched on how Gideon faced the unexpected, and each of us encounters similar moments in our own lives. Encourage everyone to share their experiences, both the highs and the lows. As you facilitate, listen actively and guide the conversation with empathy. Let's connect these stories back to our faith, seeing how God uses these unexpected moments for our growth and His glory. Keep steering the discussion back to how we can trust God through all the ups and downs, just like Gideon did.

TALK IT OUT

1. As you listened to today's message, which part did you feel most connected to as you think about unexpected moments in your life?
2. Read Judges 6:14-15. Gideon expresses to God that he feels unqualified, yet God speaks life and value into Gideon. How does that resonate with you? Do wrestle like Gideon, with how you see yourself versus how God sees you?
3. How does the busyness of life and the everyday routine affect you personally? What practical steps can you take to remember God's presence in your day-to-day moments?
4. Consider sharing with your group how you typically respond to the unknown & unexpected circumstances of life. Do you find yourself relying more on your natural strengths initially?
5. Share about a time where you walked through a challenging situation and came out the other side. What would you say was the victory for you now looking back? Is there something God grew or matured in you because of navigating that difficult season.