



Weak

WARM UP

Would you rather wrestle a lion or fight a shark? Why?

SET IT UP

Weak (adj.) - Lacking the power to perform a demanding task; Liable to break or give way under pressure. Life's most demanding tasks fill us with fear and strip us of our courage. Gideon was the same way. We all have weaknesses—it's what we do with do with them that matters.

CHAT IT UP

1. **Fill in the blank: I wish I had more _____.** (Time, energy, money, etc.)
2. **Was there ever a time in your life when someone asked you to do something you didn't feel ready to take on? What did you do?**
3. **Read Judges 6:11-16. What was God calling Gideon to do? What was Gideon's response?**
4. **Have you ever felt like God was asking you to do something that looked unlikely or impossible? What did you do?**
5. **Read Judges 7:1-3. God subtracted from Gideon's army until only 300 were left. Why? How would you have felt if you were Gideon?**
6. **Sometimes God calls us to take action but when we do life gets difficult. God subtracts. How do we usually interpret the subtraction? How does what we just read change our perspective?**
7. **It's easier to surrender our strengths than our weaknesses to God. Have you ever surrendered your weaknesses to God? What is God calling you to do?**

Optional Exercise: Break up into smaller groups. Share weaknesses and pray for God's power to work through your weaknesses.

WRAP IT UP

There are a lot of reasons to be afraid. We need to learn how to conquer the fears that can tie us down, hold us back, and keep us from being the people God has called us to be. Where we see a liability, God sees an opportunity. Have you surrendered your weaknesses to God yet?

LEADER TIPS

- Baptism is coming up on October 7-8. Maybe the fear of getting baptized is holding someone back. Encourage your group to take this next step! (Go to parkerhill.org/baptism to apply.)