

## Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

*"Bond Together/Grow Together"*

**For the week of 10-10-2021**

### For You as the Teacher/Host

Remember to begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message.

**Quick Review** Discuss the message briefly. Did anything challenge or confuse you?

**\*Opener Question or Activity:** Have you ever found yourself thrust into a situation where you were forced to act as if you knew what you were doing?

**Sunday's Main Scripture Text:** Judges 6-7 "Don't Play It Safe"

**Digging Deeper:** Read Matthew 25:14-30

1. Pastor Mark spoke of Gideon Sunday. What qualifications did Gideon possess to be the leader of God's army? What did he think of himself?
2. What gifts do you have to be used for God's kingdom and loving people?
3. Many times "God doesn't call the qualified...He qualifies the called." How has this been true in your life?
4. Which one of the 3 servants "played it safe" in the Matthew passage? What was the result?
5. Have you been aware of a time where you lost out, or are losing out, because you have played it safe? Discuss.
6. What are the gifts God has gifted you with that would allow you to obey Him more and love people better?
7. When this week will, could, might, or should you be engaging those gifts/talents to serve God?

### Apply it today

Looking back over this week's teaching, what is most important for you to remember and why? How will you grow in the area you have identified?