

# REDEMPTION, HOPE & HEALING



## questions for reflection

### series: "Redemption, Hope & Healing"

The Bible tells the stories of many broken, damaged and dented people. Some were murders, thieves and liars, while others were prostitutes, cowards and hypocrites. The Bible recounts the stories of people whom, despite their failures and faults, God still loved and used in order to tell his story of grace, mercy and forgiveness. This summer we are going to retell these stories and seek to understand how God can bring redemption, hope, and healing into our own lives.

### part 5:

"Gideon: God's Will"

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Reflect on the some of the major decisions you've made in life.

- What made those decisions hard or easy to make?
- How did trusted voices around you impact those decisions?
- How did God's guidance factor into those decisions?

There is no sense in the Bible that God has a specific will for our life in decisions like where we work, where we live, etc. How do you interact with that idea?

What is the difference between seeking the wisdom of God for our life as opposed to the specific will of God for our life?

When are some times in your life that you have sense God speaking to you or leading you?

- How did you know it was God?
- What did that guidance sound like? How did it feel or how did it impact you?

What practices in your life allow you to sense God's leading?

What makes it harder for you to hear God's voice?

Christians use phrases like "God told me to..." or "It is God's will that I...".

- Do you have experiences where you can say these things with confidence?
- How do we know it is God leading us as opposed to our own opinions and desires leading us?

Read Judges 6:11-40.

- What is God like in this passage?
- How does Gideon come off in this passage?
- Have you ever asked God for a sign like this before? Why? How did God respond?
- Is asking for signs from God a good thing, a bad thing, or both? How?

If you could hear God say one thing to you right now, what would it be?