

Group Notes from Sunday 19th October

Stand up and be Counted – Judges 6:17-34

Peter spoke from Judges 6:17-34. The main point of the message was that just as Gideon had to go against the pressure and expectations of everyone around him by tearing down altars to Baal, so we are called to be counter cultural, resisting the pressures to devote ourselves to anything other than God, by “tearing down the altars”, whether they be of educational achievement, materialism, sexual morality...

Group Questions

1. What are the biggest pressures to ungodliness that you face from the society and culture in which you live?
2. How have you resisted these pressures so far and how could you overcome them more effectively?
3. How can you help each other in this process?

Footnote - Peter outlined steps that we can take to tear down the altars

1. Repentance
2. Receive the truth
3. Take radical action
4. Be accountable
5. If 1-4 fail to bring freedom then ask for ministry

Group leaders may find this framework helpful in talking with people about issues and how to progress with them.

Going Deeper...

For anyone who would like to spend some time in the book of Judges then we can recommend a thoroughly readable commentary entitled *Judges: Such a Great Salvation* by Dale Ralph Davis

Coming Up...

Equipped

No Equipped as it is half term

Halloween

During half term it's Halloween so it's worth discussing as a group your response... Ignore it??? Open the door and engage with local children??? Give away something with your sweets – an invite to church??? What about your own children or teenagers – how can you help them???

Next Sunday...

The next part of our series on the book of Judges looking at Gideon