

## Christ Church sermon questions 20 October 2019

### Gideon - Judges 6:1-29

1. Read Judges 6:1-29. Israel was in a cycle of sin, punishment, crying out to God, saviour, peace, saviour dies - repeat. In the case of Gideon God sent a prophet to remind them of the covenant rather than just raising up a saviour. Maybe their crying out was regret rather than repentance? Discuss the difference.



*Are they crying out to him because they are deeply sorry for turning away from God and want to turn back to him - **true repentance***

*Or are they crying out because they are in a mess and need someone to get them out of it - **merely regret***

2. How are both God and Gideon correct about Gideon's ability? (v12,15)

3. Why did Gideon tear down the altar at night? Was he still obedient?

4. Read Judges 6:33-40. [Daniel Threlfall](#) describes Gideon as faithless and unbelieving. Is this fair?

5. He also suggests that Gideon knew what God had called him to but he needed assurance that God was with him. How have you used a fleece in discerning God's will? Re-reading the scripture, what do you think about the use of 'a fleece'?

6. Gideon starts off with 32,000 men but God reduces it to 300 - why? When we ask God to help us do something (e.g. write a sermon or lead a Bible study), how do we know whether God has intervened or not?

7. How do you think Gideon would have described himself to an angel of the Lord after the victory?

8. What have you learnt about God and faith from Gideon and how might you live it out in situations in your life?