

Sermon-Based Bible Study Group



December 15, 2024

“Take One Step At A Time” - #3 in the Advent series Do Not Fear

Texts (NIV): Judges 6:13-14, 22-24, 36-40; 2 Corinthians 5:7

1. What stood out to you about the message?
2. Consider the improvisational technique “yes-and”: *You start with a suggestion or idea from your improv partner or group, then spontaneously add another piece of information or idea. Repeating this yes-and, step-by-step process brings you to an outcome you probably never imagined when you began.*
 - What do you find interesting and intriguing about improvising? Challenging?
 - What might an improvisational approach to life be fearful for some?
3. **Read Judges 6:13-14.**
 - Despite Gideon’s skepticism, why do you think God chose him to save Israel from the Midianites?
 - Did you ever feel you were an unlikely choice for a specific plan or purpose?
4. **Read Judges 6:22-24.**

Gideon’s skepticism changes to fear when he realizes God is explicitly calling him to a difficult task.

 - Have you ever experienced God asking you directly to do something? What was your initial response?
 - What can we learn from Gideon’s actions in his moments of fear?
5. **Read Judges 6:36-40, 2 Corinthians 5:7.**

Gideon asked for signs of affirmation because he couldn’t see the whole picture of God’s calling.

 - Do you think he was justified in what he asked God to do?
 - How does God’s response help us understand what taking one step at a time can mean when we’re fearful?
6. How can we pray for you?