



KNOW YOUR ROLE

ENGAGE

WELCOME (Shake hands, give high-fives, write name tags, and connect with other students.)

ICEBREAKER (Don't skip this part! This helps people connect and start conversation!)

- *"Identity" is defined as, "the distinguishing character or personality of an individual".
What are three characteristics about yourself that you admire?*

READ: Judges 6:12-14 NLT

"The angel of the Lord appeared to him [Gideon] and said, 'Mighty hero, the Lord is with you!' 'Sir,' Gideon replied, 'if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? And where are all the miracles our ancestors told us about? Didn't they say, 'The Lord brought us up out of Egypt'? But now the Lord has abandoned us and handed us over to the Midianites.' Then the Lord turned to him and said, 'Go with the strength you have, and rescue Israel from the Midianites. I am sending you!'"

EQUIP

SET THE SCENE: Gideon, like all of Israel, was bonded to slavery and oppressed by the people of Midian. Every time Israel planted crops and the harvest came, the Midianites would ride in and destroy it. Fear dictated everything for both the people of Israel and for Gideon. Not only was he afraid on the outside, but his perspective on the inside was fear-based too. When the angel of the Lord came to him and spoke to his identity, Gideon responded with "You're wrong. God is obviously not with us and you have the wrong guy."

How we handle our assignments typically reflects how we feel about ourselves. When we place trust solely in our capabilities (or lack thereof), we often end up insecure or prideful. Gideon's insecurities prompted him to question God's plan entirely. If we take ownership of an outcome, we either get prideful when it goes our way, or crushed by the weight of falling short. Gideon had to choose to believe who God said he was, in order to confidently do what God asked him to do. He put his faith in God alone and God did exactly as He promised.

What does this scripture say about me and my relationship with God?

- God sees me differently than I see myself and He believes in who He made me to be!
- *SALT LEADER EXAMPLE:*

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What does this say about my relationship with others?

- Because of who God says I am, I am significant and have a role to play that will impact the lives of others.
- *SALT LEADER EXAMPLE:*

How does this relate to sports?

- Sometimes a coach will call an athlete into a new position. It is easy to shy away from this due to lack of experience and fear of failing, but the role of a coach is to help the athlete reach their full potential. Coaches are put in a position to train and equip athletes to grow.
- *SALT LEADER EXAMPLE:*

INTENTIONAL CONVERSATION

Spend time in small groups discussing the following questions:

1. Have you ever had a coach/teacher/mentor tell you they see something in you that you didn't agree with? What did they say and how did it make you feel?
2. Share about a time where you took a risk because you were encouraged by someone.
3. *SALT LEADER QUESTION:*

EMPOWER CHALLENGE

As we walk with Jesus, we get the incredible experience of learning how the Father sees us. The way He sees us always empowers us to make an impact for the Kingdom! 1 Samuel 16: 7 reads, "But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Don't judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The Lord doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.'" This week, take some time to ask God how He sees you.

PRAYER

Break the Huddle. Invite the students to come back next week to engage with one another!

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