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# Bible Study:

## Judges 6:1-16

### Small Group Session

November 14, 2021

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TAKE-HOME PRINCIPLE



**Discovery**  
Questions



**Understanding**  
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**6** The Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord, and for seven years he gave them into the hands of the Midianites. **2** Because the power of Midian was so oppressive, the Israelites prepared shelters for themselves in mountain clefts, caves and strongholds.



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**3** Whenever the Israelites planted their crops, the Midianites, Amalekites and other eastern peoples invaded the country. **4** They camped on the land and ruined the crops all the way to Gaza and did not spare a living thing for Israel, neither sheep nor cattle nor donkeys.





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5 They came up with their livestock and their tents like swarms of locusts. It was impossible to count them or their camels; they invaded the land to ravage it. 6 Midian so impoverished the Israelites that they cried out to the Lord for help.



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7 When the Israelites cried out to the Lord because of Midian, 8 he sent them a prophet, who said, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: I brought you up out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.





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9 I rescued you from the hand of the Egyptians. And I delivered you from the hand of all your oppressors; I drove them out before you and gave you their land. 10 I said to you, 'I am the Lord your God; do not worship the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you live.' But you have not listened to me."



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**11** The angel of the Lord came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, where his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites. **12** When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior."





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13 "Pardon me, my lord," Gideon replied, "but if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our ancestors told us about when they said, 'Did not the Lord bring us up out of Egypt?' But now the Lord has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian."



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14 The Lord turned to him and said, "Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you?"

15 "Pardon me, my lord," Gideon replied, "but how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family."





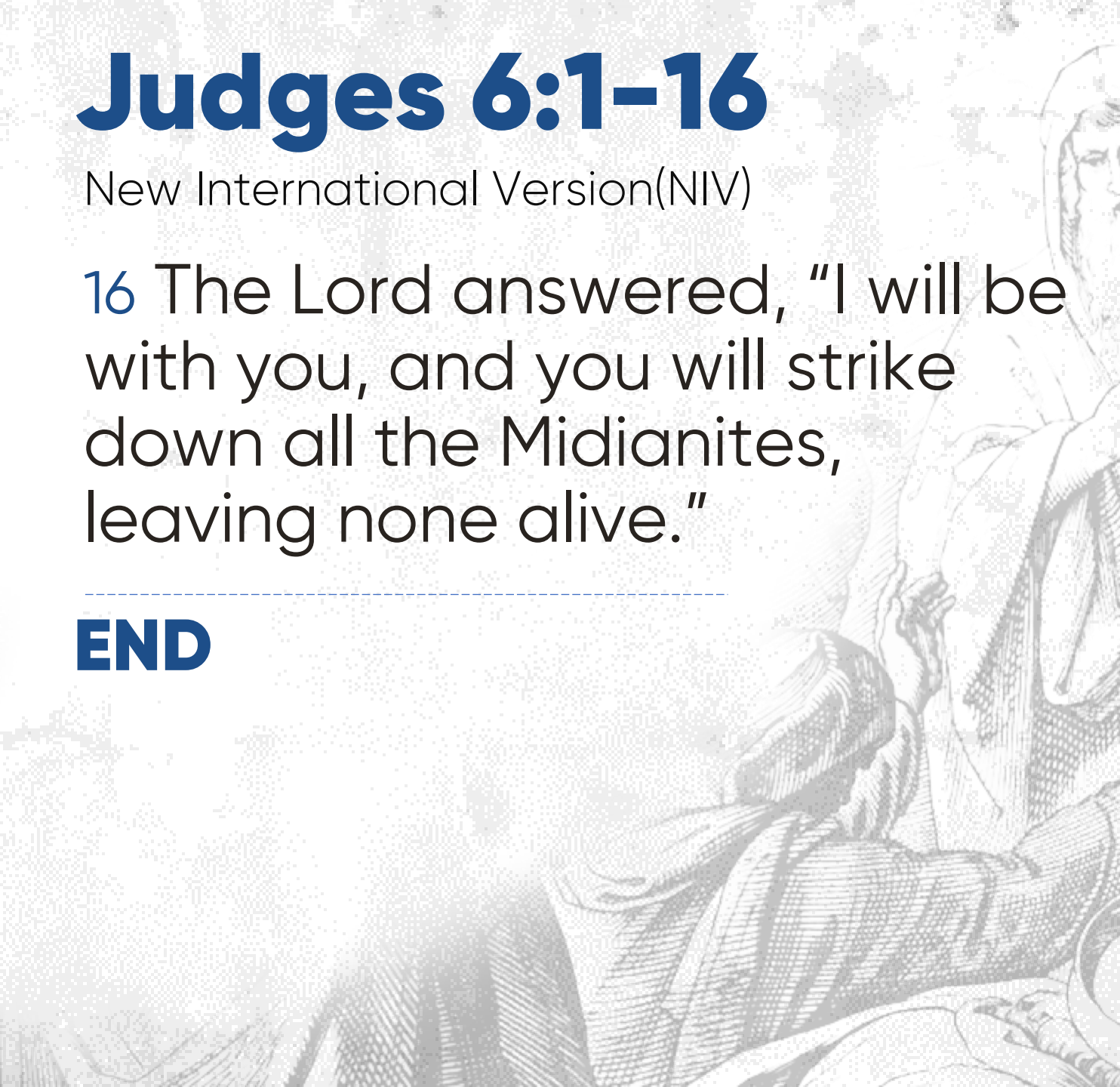
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16 The Lord answered, "I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites, leaving none alive."

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**END**



# Take Home Principle

I will examine my life for anything that might not be pleasing to the Lord, and I will humbly repent and obey Him in faith.



# Discovery Questions

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#1

What did God do to the Israelites? (v.1) Why? (v.1,9)



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## #2

What did the Midianites do to the Israelites and how did the Israelites respond?





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#3

What happened after Israel cried out to God?



# Understanding Questions

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#1

Why do you think God allowed the Israelites to suffer in the hands of the Midianites because of their idolatry?



# Understanding Questions

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## #2

Can you recall God's other unlikely choices to save Israel from its oppressors? Do you think this is a pattern of God's decision-making, or is God taking a risk at undeserving people, or just plain mistaken at times?





# Application Questions

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## #1

As followers of Christ, we occasionally find ourselves falling into sin. Can you recall an instance when you were convicted by the Holy Spirit or by a fellow believer of a sin you were unaware of? How did you react?



# Application Questions

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## #2.a

Experiencing forgiveness and deliverance is both liberating and life changing. Share an instance when God intervened and turned your life over after you have recognized and turned away from sin. Recall an instance where God was leading you to do something you thought you weren't qualified, prepared, deserving or suitable for.





# Application Questions

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## #2.b

- a. How did you struggle with God through that experience?
- b. Did you obey God and went on with it - and did you pull it off? Or didn't you go through with it?
- c. What did you learn about God, and yourself about that experience?



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# Closing Prayer

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See you next week!



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