

Sermon for June 22/23, 2024
"God Is Peace" Pastor Brad Holmes



THREE THINGS TO KNOW

DON'T MISS THIS. BAPTISM is an outward expression of an inward change that occurs in our lives after we place our faith and trust in Christ. Lowering into the water symbolizes dying to our old life without God. We are then raised to a new life to live like Christ. Are *you* ready to take your next step and be baptized? Tap START A CONVERSATION under BAPTISM at [Adabible.info](https://adabible.info)>Info & Events.

GROUP VALUES. This June, we focus on **SERVING**. Often, the best way to hear where God is calling you to serve is to simply begin serving. As a small group, discuss ways to serve at church this summer and how you can help each other take that first step.

GROW AS A LEADER. Summer is a great time to check in with your **STAFF CONTACT**. Your staff contact would love to help you plan for the season, discuss what your group might study next, pray for you and your group or meet for encouragement!

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Welcome to the fourth week of our sermon series, **GOD IS**. This week, we look at how God meets Gideon in his fear and weakness.

ICEBREAKER

What is a nickname you had in your younger years?

THIS WEEK'S TEXT

Have someone read Judges 6:11-23 aloud.

What details stand out to you about this encounter between Gideon and the Lord?

What emotions does Gideon display in this passage?

What do God's responses to Gideon reveal about his character?

THIS WEEK'S SERMON

Pastor Brad Holmes continued our God Is sermon series by discussing an interaction between Gideon and God. As a group, recall some of the sermon's big ideas and main points.

In our society, where do people typically turn when facing difficult circumstances or fears?

God sees something in Gideon that Gideon could not see for himself. Why is it often difficult to see ourselves as God sees us?

What are some truths about who God says you are because of your faith in Jesus that you can hold on to when feeling weak or fearful?

Why do you think we sometimes struggle to recognize God's presence in our lives, especially during challenging times, even though God promises to be with us?

When have you seen someone find peace and strength in God during their weakness? What stands out to you about their example?

In which situations are you likely to seek peace from something other than God?

What can you do during those situations that will enable you to run to the Father instead, allowing him to speak peace into your life?

What are some tangible ways our group can help each other live by the truth that God is our source of peace when we are struggling with fear, anxiety, or worry?

Which part of the sermon encouraged or challenged you the most, and why?

WRAP UP

This week we talked about God being our peace. What is one thing you would like to put into practice this week from our conversation?