

QUESTIONS FOR JUDGES/RUTH LESSON 6

All questions are based on the New King James Version of the Bible.

DAY ONE: Read all notes and references.

1. What impressed you most about Gideon?

Answers will vary.

2. ♥(Heart Question) From what you have learned in this lesson, what action might God want you to take?

Answers will vary.

DAY TWO: Read Judges 7:1-15.

3. a. Why did God say Gideon's army was too large?

Because the Israelites would claim the glory for their victory instead of giving God the glory

- b. What was the first test that sent many men home?

whoever was afraid was sent home

- c. How many went home and how many were left?

22,000 went home and 10,000 remained

4. a. What was the second and final test?

those who lapped water from their hand vs. those who got down on their knees to drink

- b. ? (Thought Question) What was the purpose of this test? What do you think it proved?

Answers will vary. Note: those that got down on their knees to drink showed greater need for refreshment and were more vulnerable in that position.

- c. How many were left after this test?

300 men

- d. What did God promise to do with the remaining men?

To save Gideon and deliver the Midianites into his hand

5. a. What was God's promise to Gideon in verse 9?

To deliver the enemy camp into his hand

- b. How did God encourage Gideon?

by having him overhear the Midianites discussing a dream and its interpretation

- c. How did Gideon respond to God's encouragement?

he worshipped God

6. How has God encouraged you this week? How have you responded?
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DAY THREE: Read Judges 7:16-25.

7. a. What weapons did Gideon provide for his army? Mark the correct answer below.
- Swords, shields and helmets
 - Trumpets, pitchers, and torches
 - Rifles, sweatbands, and torches
 - Spears, slingshots, and trumpets
- b. What did Gideon instruct his men to do with their weapons?
blow the trumpets and break the pitchers
- c. What else were they to do? Give verse: 18
say "the sword of the Lord and of Gideon"
- d. What was the result?
the whole army ran and cried out and fled
8. a. Which tribes went to help Gideon fight the Midianites?
Naphtali, Asher, Manasseh
- b. Which tribe was given a special task? What was it? How successful were they in carrying it out?
Ephraim was to sieze the watering places from Beth Barah to the Jordan and they did

DAY FOUR: Read Judges 8:1-21.

9. a. How are verses 1-3 an illustration of Proverbs 15:1?
Gideon gave the greater credit to the Ephraimites, and they stopped being angry.
When you are treated meanly, saying something nice can change attitudes.
- b. What different kind of answer did Gideon give to the two cities mentioned in verses 5 and 8?
They mocked him and he promised to return and punish them
- c. What did Gideon do to each of the cities?
He beat the elders of Succoth with thorns and briers. He tore down the tower and killed the men of Penuel.
10. a. Name the two kings Gideon was chasing.
Zeba and Zalmunna
- b. What was the result of Gideon's pursuit? Give verse. 12
He captured the two kings and routed (defeat with disorderly flight) the entire army
11. The following statements are about Gideon and the two kings of Midian. Circle T (true) for the statements which are true and correct the statements which are false.
- a. ☒ T or F Gideon questioned the two kings about the men they had killed at Tabor.
- b. T or ☒ F Gideon found out that the two kings had killed his ~~mother.~~ **brothers**
- c. ☒ T or F Gideon commanded his eldest son to kill the kings.

- d. T or ☐ F Gideon's son, Jether, did not have ~~a sword~~. **the courage**
- e. ☐ T or F Gideon took the crescent ornaments from the king's necks.

DAY FIVE: Read Judges 8:22-35.

12. a. What did the people of Israel want Gideon to do after the victory?
to rule over them
- b. How did Gideon respond?
he refused and said that the Lord would rule over them
13. a. What did Gideon ask the people of Israel to do?
to give him the gold earrings from their plunders
- b. What did Gideon do with what he was given?
he made an ephod and set it up in his city
- c. Was the result good or bad? Explain.
bad. It was a temptation to the Israelites, Gideon, and his family
14. a. How long did Gideon judge Israel?
40 years
- b. What happened after Gideon died?
Israel did not remember the Lord their God, nor were they kind to Gideon's household
15. Give one way you would like to be like Gideon.
Answers will vary.

ANSWER KEY

