

MINDSET

Word

Scripture Reference

Judges 6:11-24

Discussion Questions

1. Growing up, is there any belief that had influenced you that you still live out until today? Share with the group.
2. The word *mindset* came from the Greek word *phronema*, meaning “what one has in the mind, the thoughts and purposes,” which can have either a positive or negative connotation. Most people’s mindset is to be comfortable and to be on the winning side. We need to understand, however, that having the wrong mindset will lead you to have a wrong life. Read Judges 6:11-24. We learn from Gideon’s story how our mindset affects our lives as a whole:
 - a. ***A wrong mindset leads to wrong beliefs (v. 12-13).*** An angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, called him a man of valor and told him that the Lord was with him. What was Gideon’s response? What was his wrong mindset that led him to wrong beliefs? Share and discuss the many wrong mindsets that Christians have, which lead them to believe something that is wrong. How would intimacy with God through His Word help you not to fall into this pit?
 - b. ***Wrong beliefs lead to wrong attitudes (v. 14-15).*** The angel told Gideon that he would lead Israel from the hands of the Midianites. What was Gideon’s response? Do you think he really had self-doubt or was he just being humble? What does the Bible say about you? Discuss what the Bible says should be your guide in how you perceive yourself? Discuss how

Abraham, the apostle Paul, and the Lord Jesus’ obedience to God are excellent examples of how you should obey and have the right beliefs that would lead you to the right attitude.

- c. ***A wrong attitude leads to wrong character (16-17).*** Gideon asked God for signs that would guarantee that he would defeat the Midianites, in spite of the assurance from the angel that he would do so. What does it tell you about Gideon’s attitude? How does your attitude of always doubting God affect your faith in Him? Do bad things happening around you easily affect your belief that God is always in control? Read Habakkuk 3:17-18. Share how these verses should encourage you to have the right attitude that would lead you to develop the right character.
- d. ***Wrong character leads to a wrong life (8:24-27).*** The Bible tells us that after Gideon’s confrontation with the Lord (through the angel) and his great faith in God, he won the battle with only 300 Israelites against thousands of Midianites. However, we would find that at the end of Gideon’s life, he turned to an idol, which ensnared him and his house. Discuss the traps that might lead a Christian to develop a wrong character and eventually lead him/her to a wrong life. How could you avoid this?

Walk

As a Christian, you may have a tendency to be like Gideon: having a wrong mindset you don’t want to accept, wrong beliefs you don’t want to change, wrong attitudes you refuse to correct, or a wrong life no one can redeem except the Lord. Would you be willing to be changed by Jesus Christ? Would you let your mindset be focused only for the glory of God?

Worship & Prayer

Heavenly Father, I acknowledge that I can only gain the right mindset when I focus on the things that will give glory to Your Name, that I can truly overcome a wrong mindset, beliefs, attitudes, and character only through Your help. I implore You, Lord, to help and strengthen me to overcome and to turn my back from any wrong things that affect my life. May my mindset be focused for Your glory. In Jesus’ name. Amen.