

SMALL GROUPS

Developing deep rooted relationships with God and each other



Fall Small Group Locations

Monday 7 PM (Starts Sept. 19)

BRONSON B:

Host: Scott & Jan Carpenter

Contact: [Jan Carpenter](#)

(517) 617-5797

Wednesday 6 PM

Tijuana Missions

Host: Salano and Jennie deAraujo

Contact: [Frank Cabrera](#)

(517) 369-9783

Wednesday 6:30 PM

BRONSON A:

Host: Evert & Linda Smith

Contact: [Evert & Linda Smith](#)

(517) 369-6695

Thursday 1:30 PM

E. GILEAD:

Host: Duane & Sara Jane Fair

Contact: [Pastor Jim](#)

(517) 238-8918

Thursday 6:30 PM

Bethel Gilead: Church Fellowship Hall

Contact: [Brandon Carpenter](#)

*(kid friendly) 989-277-5988

Gilead Lake

PENDING

Host:

Contact: David Minard

(517) 756-8000



Small Group Discussion *Bold Faith Conclusion*

Week 4

As we finish up this year's Bold Faith Initiative, look back over the month of September. Is there anything that stands out in your own experience with God? What did you learn from our study of Gideon that applies to your faith today? How often did you see a wristband and reach out to meet another Christian? What area of your faith has been challenged? Ask God to continue developing "bold faith" in your life as you continue into the fall season.

- I. Today we finish the story of Gideon. Read [Judges 8:1-3](#). What exactly is the Ephraimites' complaint? How does Gideon handle it? What do Christians tend to complain most about in churches? How should their concerns be handled? Any examples?
- II. Read [Judges 8:4-17](#). Gideon next encounters complacency in his efforts to finish the war. Both Sukkoth and Peniel refuse to help him. What ends up happening? The Apostle Paul dealt with complaints and complacency in the church of Corinth. Read [1 Corinthians:10-13 and 1 Corinthians 2:13 - 3:4](#). What was the source of their wrangling and how did Paul address it? How does worldliness often compete with God's Spirit's work in churches today? What's the solution?
- III. Read [Judges 8:22-28](#). Gideon secures peace for forty years. He also creates a snare (stumbling block) for Israel. What is it? (What exactly is an ephod and why were people tempted to worship it?) Read [1 Corinthians 8:7-13](#). Paul instructs the Corinthians not to cause weaker Christians to stumble. What was their controversy over? How does he suggest they resolve their differences? Are there any similar examples of this for us today? Note [Romans 14:1-4, 13-15](#)?

Close your group in prayer. Ask God to guard Bethel Gilead from controversies, complacency, complaining and potential stumbling blocks. Be ready to limit your own freedom in love in order to keep a weaker Christian from stumbling..