

# STEP OUT

## A sermon series on Gideon

**Key Truth/Principle:** We need to STEP OUT and REMEMBER THE LORD

**Key Verse(s):** Judges 8:22-35

**Suggested format:** Social time/ice-breaker, Word, worship with communion and prayer

### **Key Point(s)**

- Be AWARE of SNARES
- Be ATTENTIVE to your HEART
- Be DEVOTED/HOLY
- In all we do, we MUST REMEMBER THE LORD

### **\*\* TOP TIPS \*\***

**Remember people are indwelt with the spirit – expect them to have something to bring – most just need permission and clarity, and yearn for depth.**

- **WELCOME:** Have fun, involve everyone, keep it moving
- **WORSHIP:** Deliberately LEAD people into stepping out – most people appreciate specific guidance and feel released to know how to participate (e.g. let's read a Psalm together and use the words to help us worship, let's listen to this song, let's sing now, let's have a time of prophecy and hearing from God, if you feel you want to start a song please do). Encourage gifts!
- **PRAYER:** Weave into all you do, respond to things as they come up and help people by being specific (e.g. let's all go round and pray short prayers thanking God for a particular characteristic
- **WORD:** Some folks would not have been there on Sunday – don't; worry too much about recapping, just dive into questions. Splitting people into pairs/small groups with specific questions and a time frame usually brings out the best discussion and involvement of everyone.

### **KEY QUESTIONS (Questions 2 and 5 may be better in smaller single sex groups)**

1. Are there ways in which you identify with Gideon as one who has been MADE STRONG OUT OF WEAKNESS? Are there times when you have stepped out for God?
2. Is there anything that you have been or are ensnared by? For example- Comfort, love of money, lust?
3. Paul speaks of learning to be content (Phil 4) regardless of your circumstances. How are you towards God when you have lots? And when you have little? Why do you think this is? Are there things other than God that we find security in?
4. Do you have people in Redeemer that you are encouraged by, accountable too and growing with? If not, is there someone that you think you could approach for discipleship/mentoring?
5. How is your devotion to God? Are you growing in holiness? Are you REMEMBERING THE LORD always, OR are there areas of life that you are COMPROMISING in?