# Sunday 10th March – Connect Group Notes

## It’s ok not to be ok – Seeking Reassurance

Judges 6:33-40

Has there been a time when you’ve faced a big decision or change and been looking for direction or reassurance? What happened?

Read Judges 6:33-35

What should encourage Gideon that God is with him?

Why might Gideon be discouraged? (Note Judges 8:10, and compare with Judges 7:3)

Read Judges 6:36-40

Should Gideon just be trusting God’s promises? Or is he right to be seeking these signs as reassurance?

Compare Matthew 4:7 (quoting Deuteronomy 6:16), Isaiah 7:10-14 and Matthew 16:1-4. Alongside the story of Gideon what might we learn about ‘testing’ God and asking for a sign?

What do we learn about God by the way He responds to Gideon’s request?

God grants Gideon a miraculous sign, not a mere coincidence. God knows what we need, and knew what Gideon would need at this time to reassure him in the challenge that lay ahead. It’s ok not to be ok – because when we don’t know what to do, we can ask God to make it clear. Can you share your own story of God providing encouragement or reassurance at the right time?

There are times we may need miraculous or clear guidance. But God also wants us to learn to trust Him in all circumstances. What are the usual ways we might find God’s guidance and reassurance?

In Matthew 16, Jesus was telling the Pharisees there were already plenty of signs! And the ‘sign of Jonah’ (his death and resurrection) would make his identity very clear. Often the real challenge for us is that we know what God wants us to do – we need to trust Him and get on with it!

Perhaps there are members of the group seeking direction that you can pray for – or perhaps you can share ways in which you know what God wants you to do – and for the courage and faith to do what he asks.