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## Small Group Homework

For the week of: October 16, 2017

Speaker: Pastor Linn Winters  
"Extraordinary"

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### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. When you were young, what did you want to grow up to be?
2. As an adult, how has your view of "what you want to be known for" changed since you were young?

What are four words you would like to be to associate with upon your passing?

### QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

### DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read Judges 6: 11-16. In verse 13, Gideon asks a very good question, "*If God is with us, why has all this happened?*" What are the top three questions we ask God that are similar? Example: "God, I am a believer, I've been baptized and I go to church regularly, why can't I find a job?"

Why do you think God's people and Gideon often find ourselves in a place of such doubt of who God is and His delight in using us?

2. Look at Judges 6:15-16. Gideon proceeds to tell the LORD why he can't possibly be used. What is the LORD's answer to Gideon in vs 16?

What are some of the top reasons we choose to not be used by God when the opportunity comes?

If the Lord is calling us to be obedient in life's situations (in the lives of friends and family, service to Him or even life's troubles) why do we think the Lords answer to us would be different than His answer to Gideon?

3. Linn stated that if Gideon would have passed on God's invitation to stand against the Midianites his life would have remained ordinary. What he was being called to do was extraordinary. What is the biggest area in life that you need to hand over to God and opt in to his extraordinary plan?

Marriage/Relationship  
Work/Career  
Health  
Other

Children  
Family  
Finances

What steps can you take this week to help get you there?

How can this group help you do that?

4. Often, we go through our days and live our lives without allowing the Lord to be a part of our circumstances or our plans. This is not our plan but a trap we fall into. One of the keys to avoiding the trap is understanding who we are, who God is and what we're asking for.

Looking at how another person handles this can be helpful. As you read David's prayer in Psalm 86, jot down how he describes God, himself and what he requests of God.

Can you think of any ways praying a prayer like this could help you keep the right heart in following God and move from ordinary to extraordinary??

### TAKING IT HOME

Are there any parts of David's prayer that could be an important part of your regular communication with God and how you follow him? If so, explain.

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Prayer Requests:

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