

## The People God Uses

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God in His mercy delights to use...

- People who are likely to feel overwhelmed by the challenge (Othniel)
  - The God of the Underdog turns opposition into opportunity!
  
- People who are likely to feel hindered by their limitations (Ehud)
  - The God of the Left-Handed turns weakness into strength!
  
- People who are likely to feel unworthy (Shamgar)
  - The God of New Beginnings is not ashamed of your name!

Remember...

- You are filled with the Spirit of God!
- You are called to walk by faith!

## GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. We are defining “mercy” as “the tenderhearted compassion of God that is on a mission every morning to meet the needs of God’s people with more than we could ever deserve and in ways better than we could ever imagine.” How have you experienced God’s mercy in the past week?
3. Fill in the blank with some adjectives or descriptions: God uses people who \_\_\_\_\_. Why did you choose these descriptions?
4. Of the three judges we looked at today, which one could you most relate with? Othniel, who was likely to feel overwhelmed by the challenge? Ehud, who was likely to feel hindered by limitations? Or Shamgar, who was likely to feel unworthy? Why?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 1:26-2:5. What do you learn from these verses about who God uses, how God uses them, and why God uses them in this way?
6. Read 2 Cor 12:6-10. Describe a time when God used a weakness of yours to show His strength. What did this look like?
7. Read 1 Cor 12:12-14. According to this passage, when and how does a person receive the Holy Spirit?
8. How would you describe the work of the Holy Spirit in your life to empower you and enable you to serve God?
9. Read 1 Pet 4:10-11. What do we learn from this passage about spiritual gifts? What spiritual gifts do you believe you have (Consider Rom 12:6-8 and 1 Cor 12:7-11, and consider taking the spiritual gifts assessment referenced above).
10. In what ways have you crossed yourself out from being used by God? How might the Lord want to encourage you through this message about His plan and purpose for you?

## FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

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Take this spiritual gifts assessment to better understand how God has gifted you to serve Him – [www.lifeway.com/en/articles/women-leadership-spiritual-gifts-growth-service](http://www.lifeway.com/en/articles/women-leadership-spiritual-gifts-growth-service)

Read Isa 66:1-2, 1 Cor 1:26-2:5, 2 Corinthians 4:1, 1 Timothy 1:12-17, 1 Pet 4:10-11

Read *Gentle and Lowly* in the next few months – available in foyer!  
Pick up a “Judges” Scripture journal – available in foyer!

Read “God Uses Ordinary People in Extraordinary Ways”  
– <https://blogs.blueletterbible.org/blb/2013/10/09/god-uses-ordinary-people-in-extraordinary-ways/>

Read “God Uses Flawed People” – <https://cmda.org/god-uses-flawed-people/>

Listen to “The Potter’s Hand” – [www.youtube.com/watch?v=TleYjvNqKGo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TleYjvNqKGo)

Listen to “New Wine” – [www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ozGKlOzEVc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ozGKlOzEVc)

Listen to “His Mercy is More” – [www.youtube.com/watch?v=tNkdgILDs0M](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tNkdgILDs0M)

Read *Kingdom Heroes* by Tony Evans

Read *Instruments in the Redeemer’s Hands* by Paul David Trip