Study Guide on Judges 7:2-4, 13-15; 8:22-25 King James Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study. Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

- 1. What does this verse say?
- 2. What does this verse mean to me?
- 3. Discuss your answers with the class.

Judges 7:2-4

(Judges 7:2) And the LORD said unto Gideon, The people that *are* with thee *are* too many for me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying, Mine own hand hath saved me.

(Judges 7:3) Now therefore go to, proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, Whosoever *is* fearful and afraid, let him return and depart early from mount Gilead. And there returned of the people twenty and two thousand; and there remained ten thousand.

(Judges 7:4) And the LORD said unto Gideon, The people *are* yet *too* many; bring them down unto the water, and I will try them for thee there: and it shall be, *that* of whom I say unto thee, This shall go with thee, the same shall go with thee; and of whomsoever I say unto thee, This shall not go with thee, the same shall not go.

Judges 7:13-15

(Judges 7:13) And when Gideon was come, behold, *there was* a man that told a dream unto his fellow, and said, Behold, I dreamed a dream, and, lo, a cake of barley bread tumbled into the host of Midian, and came unto a tent, and smote it that it fell, and overturned it, that the tent lay along.

(Judges 7:14) And his fellow answered and said, This *is* nothing else save the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel: *for* into his hand hath God delivered Midian, and all the host.

(Judges 7:15) And it was *so*, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream, and the interpretation thereof, that he worshipped, and returned into the host of Israel, and said, Arise; for the LORD hath delivered into your hand the host of Midian.

Judges 8:22-25

(Judges 8:22) Then the men of Israel said unto Gideon, Rule thou over us, both thou, and thy son, and thy son's son also: for thou hast delivered us from the hand of Midian.

(Judges 8:23) And Gideon said unto them, I will not rule over you, neither shall my son rule over you: the LORD shall rule over you.

(Judges 8:24) And Gideon said unto them, I would desire a request of you, that ye would give me every man the earrings of his prey. (For they had golden earrings, because they *were* Ishmaelites.)

(Judges 8:25) And they answered, We will willingly give *them*. And they spread a garment, and did cast therein every man the earrings of his prey.

Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?2. What does the verse mean to me?