Daring to Dream Again #1  
Letting God Heal your painful past

**Opening Question:**

What is your greatest unfulfilled dream?

**Worship/Prayer**

(Share Goals and Guidelines)

Scripture: Judges 6:11-24

Strip people of their dreams and you assign them to lives hardly with living. Witness what the Taliban did to the people of Afghanistan. In Gideon’s day, the Midianites had systematically crushed Israel in a similar fashion.

Gideon had no idea that inGod’s eyes he was a mighty hero. Even when an angel of the Lord addressed him as such, Gideon had a hard time processing the message. Past and present pain had stolen his hope of an exciting future.

There are too many believers whose present drab spiritual condition is similar to Gideon’s mind-set before his remarkable transformation. Memories of hurts of one kind or another have caused these Christians to stop dreaming God’s dreams for them.

The Lord wants them to assume new identities, just as Gideon did. God desires that His people envision amazing new possibilities of service because of His miraculous healing touch. Quite possible one of those hidden heroes is you!

**Application:**

1. What painful past experience was Gideon nursing?
2. What arguments did Gideon raise when God began to share the great adventure awaited him?
3. Describe a time when you felt God was calling you to something you were not confident you were prepared for.
4. God gave Gideon the strength to go on his adventure with the promise “I will be with you.” How has God encouraged you in the past?
5. What can we do to make sure our God given dreams do not die because of our lack confidence?

**(Close with Vision/Prayer)**

**What should be some of our goals as a group?**