Trust and Obey
Judges 7:12-22

God does not give His people a spirit of fear. That is not His way according to scripture. But He absolutely gives those who oppose Him a spirit of fear and trembling. God as an _____ is a horrifying notion.

Discussion 1. Scripture is filled with stories about God using a spirit of fear in the hearts of those who oppose Him. Do you believe He still does this? Why or why not?

Godly leaders do not just speak truth and live out their strengths; they speak God's truth and _____ _____ to God, even in their weaknesses. In matters of obedience to God, they are not afraid to say, "Look at me and do likewise."

Discussion 2. What do you find compelling about a leader who says, "Look at me and do likewise"? What do you find dangerous about it? How can we better support and encourage our leaders to lead by example?

Christians trusting God's Word when it makes complete sense to us is easy. Trusting it when our culture thinks we are ignorant or crazy for doing so...that is when we find out for ourselves whether we are really _____ _____.

Discussion 3. Can you think of any ways your obedience to God has cost those around you? Can you think of any ways your obedience to God has cost YOU in terms of how those around you perceive you?

God has not asked us to do everything within our power and then trust Him for the rest. He has asked us to _____ _____ and to trust Him. Period. "Our power" is irrelevant.

Discussion 4. What is it about the human condition (or perhaps about our culture) that makes it so difficult for us to simply be obedient and then trust God to handle the rest of the battle? Why do we jump in and try to win the battles on in our own power?

Discussion 5. How does this lesson cause you to pray? How does it prepare your heart for worship?