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# **April 2010 House Group Questions**

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After the major battle against the Midianites, Gideon faced battles at home. He faced potential dangers from unexpected places after a great victory. The lessons we learn can help us today.

Read Judges 7:24-8:3 Danger No 1: Criticism

1. The Ephraimites criticized Gideon instead of focusing on the good that had been achieved.

When are we most critical?

Why are we more prone to look at the bad instead of the good in a person or church?

What can we do to encourage each other and see the good?

Spend time discussing the good in each other and the church.

Read Judges 8:4-17 Danger No 2: Non Co-operation

2. The two cities of Succoth and Peniel didn't co-operate with Gideon thus disobeying God's commands to the people through Moses.

What are some reasons why people may not get involved in ministries or church life?

How can we encourage each other to serve our Lord as He has gifted each of us?

Read Judges 8:22-27 Danger No 3: Personal Popularity & Wealth

3. How Gideon lived and what he said didn't go hand in hand. He became popular and rich after the battle and it led to his ruin.

How can we as individuals and as a church protect ourselves from being hypocritical?

How can we create a place where we can be real with our struggles without fearing what others think?

Read Judges 8:28-35 Danger No 4: Not Finishing well

4. Gideon didn't end well. As soon as he was off the scene the people went back to their idol worshipping ways.

What can we do today that will leave a positive legacy of witness and impact for Christ?

What characteristics were in people you admire who finished well?

How can we develop those godly characteristics?

What are you going to leave with tonight that has impacted you the most?