

Imperfect People Chosen by God

Everybody is guilty of not being perfect. We've all told lies. We've all had bad thoughts. We've stolen, cheated, been unfaithful, ungrateful and... well, "unperfect" for as long as we've been alive. We can't help it; it's just a part of who we are. For some people, it's a bigger part than for others, but the point is, we're fallen people. And no matter how hard we might try to do good, be good and influence other people to do and be the same, there's just no way to not make mistakes. Sounds bad, doesn't it? But here's the good news: God uses imperfect people to fulfill His perfect plan.

It's true, and in this series, *Flawed: Imperfect People Chosen By God* you'll rediscover real examples from God's word that prove how common people can and will be used in the most uncommon ways. Gideon was insecure. David committed adultery and murder! Jacob was a liar. Elijah showed a lack of faith in God. And Solomon, described as the wisest man on earth, showed a lack of wisdom.

The fact of the matter is that God doesn't wait for us to become perfect before He uses us, and this series has been created to help uncover real, applicable life lessons and explorations into God's Word that will make discovering all of His promises a reality. Each week's study will allow groups, large or small, to realize a genuine understanding of spiritual growth, and they will each reveal an exciting look into how we all fit into God's masterful plan.

Lesson 1: Jacob—Master of Deception

Biblical Passage: Genesis 27:1-29

Key Question: Why do people use fraud to try to get what they want from an all-knowing God?

Lesson 2: Gideon—Self-Doubter

Biblical Passage: Judges 6:11-16; 7:1-8

Key Question: Is it ever right to test God or bargain with Him?

Lesson 3: David—Premeditated Sinner

Biblical Passage: 2 Samuel 11:1-9, 14-15, 26-27; 17

Key Question: Does God judge premeditated and "spontaneous" sin the same?

Lesson 4: Solomon—Unwise Love

Biblical Passages: 1 Kings 3:5-15; 10:23-25; 11:1-13

Key Question: If God wants us to put Him first, why does He fill our lives with so many other relationships?

Lesson 5: Elijah—Slow Learner

Biblical Passage: 1 Kings 19:9-18

Key Question: If God is always with me, why do I sometimes experience despair?

Lesson 6: Jonah—Prejudiced Prophet

Biblical Passage: Jonah 1:1-12, 17; 31-10; 4:1-11

Key Question: How do I respond when God shows compassion to people for whom I have no concern?