

Life Group Discussion Material – Sunday, May 22nd Message

Samson vs The Philistines (Judges 15-16)

Judges – The Cycle of Sin

1. Read Judges 14:19-15:8. How is God at work in Samson's life even though Samson himself may not be aware of it? What is God starting to do?
2. Read Judges 15:9-13. Discuss what caused a disconnect between Israel's judge Samson and the people themselves. Why do you suppose the people wanted to hand Samson over rather than rally behind him?
3. Why were both the people of Israel and Samson missing what God was doing?
4. What are some ways in which you can see what God is doing and get on board? *Read 1 Peter 1:13-16; Luke 11:27-28; Jeremiah 7:23*
5. Read Judges 14:3, 7; 16:1, 4. What do these scriptures tell us about Samson's weakness? Are there any other weaknesses in Samson's character? *Read 14:12-14; 15:1, 16-17, 18; 16:17, 20*
6. Do you humbly recognize your weaknesses and give them attention, or do you ignore them and/or excuse them? What are some of the possible outcomes of ignoring or even excusing our weaknesses? *For encouragement read Hebrews 12:1-13*
7. Read Judges 16:28-31. Do you think that Samson was truly repentant or was he still looking for victory to satisfy his arrogance/ego? What do you make of Hebrews 11:32-33?

Take time to pray for each other in regard to weaknesses. Only share what you feel comfortable sharing, but also recognize that everybody has weaknesses.

