

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, Aug. 27, 2023
Memory Passage: Psalm 106:40-46

Passage: Judges 16

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Judges 16.** The Historical Books (Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings, 1 & 2 Chronicles, etc.) tend to be some of the most neglected books of the Bible. Write down a few reasons this may be the case.
- (b) If all Scripture is profitable (2 Tim. 3:16-17), what profit does the Book of Judges offer?
- (c) What is the relationship between the Book of Joshua and Judges?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Judges 16.** What did the purpose of a judge serve? What was the pattern of God's people whenever a judge passed away? (Read Judges 2:16-23)
- (b) Why is so much emphasis placed on the inhabitants living among God's people (read Judges 1:27-36)? What did God originally command them to do (read Deut. 20:16-18)? What are the consequences of their actions (read Judges 2:1-5)?
- (c) In what ways do you see yourself falling into the same patterns as the Israelites?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Judges 16.** What do you see happen for each judge who rises up? (hint: do you see an increase in godliness/ungodliness in each judge?). What is the significance of Samson being the final judge?
- (b) Read chapters 13-16 of Judges. How would you describe Samson? How would you summarize his fall/redemption? What lessons can be learned about him?
- (c) We see that Samson was under the Nazarite Vow from birth (Judges 13:5). What did this vow consist of (Num. 6:1-8)? Do we see Samson faithful to this vow in chapters 13-16 of Judges?
- (d) Read Judges 16:1-3. What is the significance of Gaza? Why does Samson take the gate? What is the significance of the gate?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Judges 16:4-14.** What observations do you have concerning Delilah's "tactics" and Samson's "responses."

- (b) What similarities do we see as Delilah attempts to seduce Samson with the way our sinful desires attempt to seduce us?
- (c) How does Delilah get Samson to confess to her his secret? What is the end result? (Read Judges 16:15-21)?
- (d) What is the significance of vs. 22?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Judges 16:23-27.** What are the consequences of Samson's actions?
- (b) Read Judges 16:28-31. What is the difference in Samson's character here vs. in the rest of the narrative? How does God respond to Samson's plea? What does this say about God's character?
- (c) Despite his unfaithfulness, Samson is a type of Christ (Luke 24:27). What parallels are seen between Samson and Christ?
- (d) After everything Samson had done, why of all people was Samson included in the Hall of Faith (Heb. 11:32-34)?

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Dealing with your Delilahs