



JUDGES CHAPTER 16 (FACILITATOR)

Discussion Starter

- What is something that you need to be reminded of daily?
- What is something that you have to remind others of daily?
- **Opening Prayer**
 - Ask if someone wants to volunteer before leading the prayer.

Tell the Story

- **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE ONE PERSON WHO STORIES (SUMMARIZES THE CHAPTER) BEFORE THE GROUP READS THE CHAPTER TOGETHER.**

Read the Story (Judges 16:1-31)

Read out loud as a group, 3-5 verses per person. Let everyone know they can opt out if they would like. **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU INTRODUCE SOME OF THE HISTORICAL CONTEXT OF THE BOOK OF JUDGES AND THE JUDGES CYCLE WITH YOUR GROUP.**

Breaking it Down

- All questions should be utilized as appropriate based upon group dynamics to facilitate both understanding and discussion. Don't feel tied to the questions and don't feel like you have to get through every question. Follow the Spirit's lead! All questions are a matter of perspective in some way BUT there are specific questions that this is truer of and these questions have been indicated to be perspective/opinion questions.

Judges 16:1-3

- In what ways does Samson's decision to be with a prostitute put him into other compromising positions that don't have anything to do with sexual sin?
 - Samson leaves his physical life extremely vulnerable to his enemies as a result of his decision to be with a prostitute.
 - In what ways do you need to see a bigger picture when you are tempted to do your own thing and be on your own agenda?

- This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.

Judges 16:4-14

- How would you explain why Samson continues to engage with Delilah when he should have clearly seen that her heart was not with him in any way?

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- How can we avoid following our own hearts and being blinded to the destructiveness of our own decisions?

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Judges 16:15-22

- In the English Standard Version, it says that Samson told Delilah “all his heart” in verses 17 & 18. What is the significance of this?

- Samson’s heart was supposed to be fully devoted and committed to God. The reality of the situation is that Samson was attempting to live with a divided heart, which really isn’t possible because his heart was fully given to Delilah rather than the Lord.

- What does Proverbs 4:23 say about guarding your heart and how can you and I go about doing this?

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Judges 16:23-31

- What is tragic and significant about Samson’s end?

- Samson killed more Philistines in his death than in his life so while he did provide Israel with deliverance, his life was most definitely not lived to its fullest potential.

- How does Samson compare to the other judges of Israel?

- What can we learn about God through the story of Samson?

- How can we avoid falling into the some of the same traps as Samson when it comes to his arrogance and pride?

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Closing & Prayer Requests

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