

Judges: Samson

Text: Judges 14

Purpose: To survey Samson's life in order to learn from his down fall from God and how God rescued him with His grace.

Opening Question: A time you wanted something, didn't get it, and later was thankful that you didn't get it?

Read and Discuss: Judges 14

- 1. Why is it not a good idea for Samson to marry the Philistine woman? How does Samson respond when his parents discourage him from marrying the Philistine woman?*
- 2. How can our own selfish desires lead to trouble? How can we protect ourselves from our own desires when they conflict with what God wants?*
- 3. Why was touching the lion so detrimental for Samson? How does compromising our convictions blind us to the effects of sin?*
- 4. What is the motivation behind Samson's riddle to his wedding guests? What is his response when his wife gives away the answer?*
- 5. How are we like Samson when we don't get our way? What is your primary emotional response to not getting what you want?*
- 6. What have been some disappointments in your life that lead you to have a negative response? How does God's continued grace throughout the book of Judges allow us to trust Him with everything in our life?*