

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

PRAY TOGETHER

Holy Spirit, we invite you to search our hearts as we discuss Samson's story and the ways we can be blind to our own patterns and compromises. Help us see where we've been living by "what seems right in our own eyes" instead of what is right in yours. Thank you for the immediacy of your grace—that even when we fail, you are already at work rebuilding and redeeming. Give us courage not just to talk, but to take a clear next step of obedience that strengthens our walk with you and our relationships with others.

ICE BREAKER

In Samson's story, he keeps missing what's really obvious to everyone else. Can you think of a funny example from your own life where you totally "didn't see it," but everyone around you did?

SERMON OVERVIEW



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This week, Samson's story challenges us to examine where we might be making the same mistakes repeatedly while assuming we have everything under control. We discover that Samson, the strongest man in Scripture, fell to temptation not in his weakness but in his strength—a sobering reminder that the enemy often attacks us where we feel most confident. The narrative reveals how gradual compromise works its way into our lives when we stop asking what God thinks and start governing our decisions by what seems right to us. Yet the same point Scripture mentions Samson's head being shaved, it declares his hair began to grow again—a stunning picture of the immediacy of grace. We learn that the moment we reach rock bottom, grace is already there responding. Samson accomplished more in his death than in his life, foreshadowing Christ who died with all the sins of the world, offering us redemption in grace despite our repeated failures. This story invites us to identify our inner Samson while also recognizing that God's sovereign plan continues working even through our detours and mistakes.

READ SCRIPTURE

JUDGES 16

CONNECT RELATIONALLY

- 1) Share a time when you thought you had something "handled" or under control, then you noticed "Samson" patterns in your life - repeating the same mistake. What did you learn from that experience? What practical steps did you take (or now feel prompted to take) to close those cracks of compromise?
- 2) Samson was tempted in the area of his greatest strength rather than his weakness. How might the enemy be using your strengths as entry points for compromise in your life? Can you share an experience where this became real?
- 3) Samson finally cried out to God only when he was at his lowest point. What has prevented you from crying out to God earlier in your struggles rather than waiting until you reach a point of true desperation?

**GROW
SPIRITUALLY**

4) Scripture identifies an entire generation as doing evil, rather than focusing on one individual. What does this say about corporate responsibility and the danger of normalizing compromise within the Christian community?

5) The quote 'hard times create strong men, strong men create good times, good times create weak men, and weak men create hard times' was presented. Where do you see yourself and your generation in this cycle, and what implications does that have for your spiritual vigilance?

6) The sermon stated that Samson "killed many more when he died than while he lived," foreshadowing Christ, who accomplished even more through His death than His life. How does Samson's story help you better understand what Christ accomplished on the cross?

**LIVE
GENEROUSLY**

7) In what areas of your life might you be making decisions based on what seems fit to you rather than seeking God's perspective and wisdom? What practical steps can you implement this week to make a tangible difference?

8) How might investing in practices like life groups, church attendance, serving or spiritual disciplines serve as necessary 'inconveniences' that keep you anchored to God's purposes like the Nazirite vows did for Samson? Which areas of your life potentially need to receive a greater focus and reinvestment?

9) Samson realized that even after many failures, God had still positioned him at the pillars to accomplish His purpose. In what ways might your perspective shift as you see God as the sovereign Lord who applies grace and continues to work through your story, restoring hope and courage in your heart?

**TAKE
ACTION**

Based on our conversation today, how is the Holy Spirit inviting you to take a next step in practical application? Please answer this statement:
I am feeling convicted to take the following action (keep it simple):

Please ask each member to share their step if they have one. It is ok if you are still discerning and need time to process, pray and ponder.

**PRAY
TOGETHER**

Please take a few moments to ask each member to share a joy or praise and an area of concern. Ask someone to pray over these requests, and please distribute them to all group members so you may continue to intercede for one another between your meetings.

**ENGAGE
TOGETHER**

Northview Worship - This week Northview Worship released the first song from their first album, Awaken to Wonder. Take a moment to click the link and listen to "Wildly Faithful" together with your group:
<https://northview.ffm.to/wildlyfaithful>