

Message Outline

Samson—Part 2

Judges 14-15



Small Group

Reflection Questions

(Please take time to ponder and pencil in
to prep for this week's small group session.)

**God is at work in this world. Where did you
"see/sense" Him this week?*

Intro: Judges: life in dysfunctional days!

- Judge #12...Samson!
- Last week: birth announcement, important life practices...

14:1-2—Opening lines: "I saw...now get!"

v.3a—Parents trying to redirect around faith...

v.3b-4—Samson's choices and God's permissive will, not preferred will...

v.5—What's a Nazirite doing around a vineyard? Finding trouble as a result...

v.6—God saved, but Samson's being secretive..

v.7-9—Sweet honey out of dead carcass...

v.10—"feast" is actually a "drinking party"...

- Being undisciplined in Nazirite practices...

v.11-18—30 "friends", a bet, a threat, and a wedding gone wrong!

v.19-20—Abusing God's gifting...

15:1-8—Samson's anger strikes again...

v.9-11—Israelites acceptance of Philistine occupation...not crying out to God (10:10).

v.12-17—Samson's victory and boast...

v.18-20—Samson's humility and prayer...

Lessons Learned from Samson—Part 2

1) _____ 14:5-10

- Acting out of impulses and secrecy lands Samson often in danger...
- Adam and Eve's first act after sin was secrecy (fig leaves and hiding behind trees).
- Living life transparent/out in the open...

2) _____ 14:2-3,7,16, 15:2

- Samson's story...what NOT to do with women...
- Faith void in his decision making process (cf. 2Cor.6:14-15)...

3) _____ 14:19

- Using the special gifting for selfish purposes...

Read: Mark 10:13-16, Matthew 18:1-5

**Why do you think Jesus took time for children? What can we learn about our faith journey thru kids' examples?*

Movie Review: Ep.3 "Jesus Loves the Little Children" (~30min.)

**What most sticks out to you about the way Jesus interacts with the children?*

**Think of a kid (not in your family) that you've gotten to know thru church (if you can't think of one, that's part of the point...get to know one!). Take time this week to pray for that kid, and share with your group why this child comes to your mind.*

**In this episode, Jesus says to the children, "Everyone has a much larger job than just their trade." What do you think that quote means? What do you think your "larger job" is?*