

Connect Group Discussion Guide

- 1. Look up the word "potential" and read the definition aloud. Are you a person with potential? If so, what do you see your potential being? Are you doing anything right now that points to that potential?
- 2. The story of Samson is a popular but tragic story in the Scriptures. Through his story, we can learn so much about what to do and not to do with the spiritual strength and power given us from God. Read Judges 13:1-4, what is the reason you think it was important that these verses were included in Scripture since Samson wasn't yet born? There is no wrong answer; this question is to engage your critical thinking about the text.
- 3. There are three clear and important truths in these verses to unleash God's power in and through you:
 - We must realize the great potential that God has placed in us
 - We must make a conscious, deliberate and consistent choice to live into God's purpose for us, if we are going to see the power of God unleashed through us
 - Our potential is always connected to others

In your own words, what do these three truths say to you about you?

- 4. Realize the great potential in you (no matter your age): As much anticipation as there was for Samson's arrival, God does the same with you. How does knowing you have potential change the way you see yourself today?
- 5. Make a conscious, deliberate, consistent choice to see God's power unleashed through you: Samson never embraced God's purpose for his life; he was the gift that never gave. What are you holding back from the Lord when it comes to the potential you identified is in you (see question #1)?
- 6. Our potential is always connected to others: You are someone's hope. You are made for "the good"! Read Psalm 37:23. What does this verse mean to you?

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Main Idea

We must make a conscious, deliberate and consistent choice to live into God's purpose for us, if we are going to see the power of God unleashed through us.

Key Scripture Reference(s)

Read aloud:
Judges 13:1-4
Psalm 37:23

Your Faith in Action

What steps will you take this week to **show** others what you believe (in words, and in deeds)?

Mon:	
Tue:	
Wed:	
Thu:	
Fri: _	
Sat:	
Sun:	

This is a constant element, so you can practically live out your faith everyday.