



Connect Group Discussion Guide

1. How do you define “temptation”? How do you recognize it in your own life? What do you do when you recognize it?
2. Read Judges 14:1, 5, 7, 10, and 19. These verses introduce how Samson began to take the wrong path. In your own life, how do you know you are beginning to take a wrong path? What do you do when you recognize it?
3. There is a downward cycle to temptation in our lives:
 - Once we open ourselves to consider it (v1)
 - A hook can be easily set (v7)
 - Our desires increase (v7)
 - We influence others (v10)
 - It goes to places we didn’t intend (19)
4. It may appear that his temptation was lust, however it was more than that. It was his desire of the Philistine way over God’s way. Read 1 John 2:15-17. What three things are these verses saying to you?
5. Here is Samson, one of the most anticipated people to be born in the history of Israel, he is filled with potential to set Israel free from their oppressors, but he choose the path of least resistance and lived into his brokenness and sin. Where in your life have you chosen the path of least resistance? Thinking back, would you do anything differently? Why or why not?
6. Sin always takes us farther then we want to go, it always does more damage than we imagine, and it never gives us what we think it will. We know these things to be true, yet we continue to follow after “the lust of the flesh (what comes sinfully natural), the lust of the eyes (filled with a desire for things we see—we envy and covet rather than develop a vision for God in us), and the pride of life (elevating ourselves above others)”. What is the reason you think we do this? What can we do to choose differently?

“The Philistine Way”

Week of November 8, 2020

Main Idea

Sin always takes us farther then we want to go, it always does more damage than we imagine, and it never gives us what we think it will. We must choose differently.

Key Scripture Reference(s)

Read aloud:

Judges 14

1 John 2:15-17

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.