



## Connect Group Discussion Guide

1. In Judges 14, we are introduced to how Samson began to take the wrong path. The downward spiral of his life is beginning to be displayed in this chapter. Do you recognize when you are about to go in a direction that is not the right one? How do you recognize it?
2. “The Philistine Way” includes 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 (arrogance)”. Have you experienced this “way” in your life at any point (no matter how seemingly insignificant)? What did you do about it?

3. Read Judges 14:18-20. Three things are happening here:

- He desires their acceptance (but they will never give it)
- They betrayed him
- He made a bet he couldn't pay

Have you ever wanted acceptance by a person(s) who couldn't or wouldn't give it? What did you (or do you) do in this situation?

4. Read Ephesians 4:17-19. This helps us understand the Philistine way vs God's way.

- God's way begins with the heart and positively impacts our thinking (Deuteronomy 11:18 , Philippians 4:7 )
- Philistine way begins with faulty thinking (v. 17), ignorance (v18), a loss of sensitivity to the better way (v19)

What does this mean to you?

5. God still loved Samson and showed him that his strength comes from Him (even when Samson was going his own way). How does this encourage you? How does this convict you?
6. God still desire that His Spirit be strong in you! How an you live into that truth today?

## “The Philistine Way—Pt. 2”

Week of November 15, 2020

### Main Idea

***God still wants His Spirit to be strong in us. We should live into that truth today.***

### Key Scripture Reference(s)

#### Read aloud:

**Judges 14:18-20**

**Ephesians 4:17-19**

### 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.*