



Connect Group Discussion Guide

1. Read Judges 16. In this closing teaching from the series, there are a few elements from the story of Samson that you may have missed along the way:
 - Samson's weaknesses were not God's weaknesses (Whenever you separate from God's plan and go your own way, it doesn't change God and it doesn't mean God has failed)
 - Samson's weakness doesn't make God weak (God is still God, God still sits on the throne, He is still all powerful, and He does not fail)
 - God doesn't need a strong man to accomplish His will (So you can take the pressure off yourself, it is a privilege to be a part of what God is doing. When he invites you to be a part of his plan, is an honor)

Discuss the above items and each person mention what these mean to you and how they encourage you in your faith walk.

2. The Philistine way equates to pride and worldliness. What does this mean to you? Do you think you are living "The Philistine Way" in any area of your life? Why or why not?
3. Verse 28 says, "Then Samson prayed to the Lord, "Sovereign Lord, remember me. Please, God, strengthen me just once more. . . " It is important to know the big application: *Do not be fooled by your circumstances in life.*
If things are going well, God has resourced you. What are some areas in your life, if any, where you may forget the Lord has empowered you to achieve success? If none come to mind, what do you do to remind yourself that what you have comes from God's provision?
4. If things are not going well, if you are beat-up by your own choices or other circumstances, God still desires to join you. In what areas in your life do you need God? How can the group help?
5. Samson overcame, in the final scene of his life, by grace and prayer (16:22, 28). How has prayer and the grace of God made a difference in specific situations in your life?

"Potential Fulfilled"

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Main Idea

Our weaknesses are not God's weaknesses.

God is still God, God still sits on the throne, He is still all powerful, and He does not fail.

Key Scripture Reference(s)

Read aloud:
Judges 16

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.