

Joshua and the Promised Land – Samson

Judges 13-16

March 29, 2020

Age group: Route 56

Small Group

Key Verse	Judges 13:24 The woman gave birth to a boy and named him Samson. He grew and the Lord blessed him, and the Spirit of the Lord began to stir him.
Memory Verse	Joshua 24:15b "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."
Series Point	God showed that He would do "whatever it takes" to provide for His people. He asks us to do "whatever it takes" to serve Him in return.
Lesson Point	God does not want to use the strong, He wants to use the obedient.
Now what? (action steps)	I can work on strengthening my obedience muscles - that is more important to God than my physical strength.

Leader Preparation

What can we say about Samson? He was a major dingbat! Yet despite all of his knuckle headedness God chose him from birth for His (God's) purposes. Like most of Judges, the details of this story are often gory, full of promiscuity and sinfulness, and just plain unfit for children. Don't focus on the details, rather focus on the fact that God chose to use Samson for His purposes. Focus on the fact that Samson's strength came from God alone. Focus on the fact that as the Israelites lived in the Promised Land it became more and more apparent that when they followed the ways of people rather than God, things went badly for them. When they turned to God and followed God's ways, however, things went much better. God was molding His people, despite their stubborn hearts, into a people through which He would send the savior of the world. If the link doesn't work for you, go to YouTube and search for The Bible Project Read Scripture Judges.

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Ice Breaker Question

Ask? *What is your favorite summertime activity?*

Memory Verse

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Discussion Questions

Ask?

- *Why did God send Judges? (The people of Israel needed help)*
- *Were the Judges perfect people? (No, they were not perfect, in fact most of them made a lot of bad choices.)*
- *What rules did Samson Parents have to follow? (Don't Eat Grapes or Drink wine, Don't cut his hair)*
- *What was one of the rules Samson broke? (He married a Philistine woman.)*
- *What was one of the first signs of Samson's strength? (Defeating a lion)*
- *What is the name of the woman Samson fell in love with. (Delilah)*
- *How did Delilah finally discover the source of Samson strength? (He told her)*
- *Did Samson have to face the consequences when he was disobedient to God? (Yes.)*
- *What did Samson Learn at the end of his life? (Samson learned that it was better to serve God than to do things his own way)*
- *In what ways are you serving yourself rather than God?*

Take Home

Say: *In this lesson we learned that God does not want to use the strong, He wants to use the obedient.*

This week, focus and pray that I can work on strengthening my obedience muscles - that is more important to God than my physical strength.