

## Samson LifeGroup Study: Week 1

Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step. If you're leading a group through this guide, don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick out those questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group.

- What's one of the most impulsive things you've ever done or bought? What was the result of your actions?

### **READ: Judges 13:1-25.**

This passage describes the birth of Samson.

- Samson was incredibly strong, but had a dangerously weak will. Where in life do you feel you are strongest?
- What are some of the dangers you've experienced or seen because of having a weak will?

### **READ: Judges 14:1-10.**

In this passage we see Samson demonstrating attitudes that make strong men weak.

- Where in life do you feel your will is the weakest?

**16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.19 Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality,20 idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions,21 envy,t drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,**

**23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.**

**25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.**

**-Galatians 5:16-26**

- Lust is so often associated with sexual temptation when it can actually mean anything we have an overwhelming and unhealthy desire for. Based on this definition, what presents the greatest lust problem to our culture?
- Why is lust harmful to us, our relationships, our families?
- How has your weak will affected you and those you love?

Do lust and entitlement play off of each other? Do they make on or the other stronger or weaker? How?

How do you identify an entitlement mentality in your own life?

The last attitude we identified today was Pride. What role does pride play in sustaining these attitudes?

- What do you think are some of the causes of your weak will?
- In what ways has God's strength helped you overcome obstacles?

How can overcoming obstacles actually cause us to stumble?

**Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.**

**-1 Corinthians 10:12**

- What does accountability look like in your life? How could increased accountability help you?
- What next steps will take this week towards changing your attitude and relying more on God's strength?

Take time to close in prayer.