

Small Group Discussion Guide

Series: Has it Come to This? A Journey Through Judges and the Cost of Compromise

Part 10: Strong Enough to Win...Too Weak to Surrender

BIG Idea: God's greatest gifts always come with God-given responsibilities. The tragedy of Samson is not that he failed his calling, but that he spent his life trying to escape it.

Application: Stop resisting God's calling and begin embracing the life He has set apart for you.

Discussion Questions

Icebreaker: Have you ever been given a responsibility that felt overwhelming at first, but later became one of the greatest blessings in your life? What made the difference?

1. Before this message, what did you think the main lesson of Samson and Delilah was? Did Sunday's sermon change your perspective? How?
2. Pastor Brian suggested that Samson's deepest problem wasn't Delilah—it was resisting God's calling. Do you agree? Why or why not?
3. Read **1 Peter 2:9**. What does it mean for believers today to be "set apart"? How is that different from simply trying to be "different" from the world?
4. Read **Proverbs 4:23** and **Luke 6:45**. How do these passages help explain what happened in Judges 16?
5. One of the sticky statements was: *"Delilah didn't create Samson's problem. She exposed it."* What do you think that means? How can difficult circumstances expose what is already happening in our hearts?
6. The sermon said that compromise often becomes normal when we stop embracing God's calling. Where do you see that danger in our culture today? Where do you see it in your own life?
7. Father's Day emphasized embracing—not escaping—God-given responsibilities. Whether you're a parent or not, what responsibilities has God entrusted to you that require courage and faithfulness?
8. Read **Hebrews 11:32**. Why do you think Samson is remembered among the heroes of faith despite all of his failures? What does that teach us about God's grace?
9. What is one specific way you can intentionally embrace God's calling this week instead of resisting it?

Prayer Prompt: Spend time praying for one another, asking God to guard your hearts from compromise, strengthen you to faithfully embrace the responsibilities He has entrusted to you, and help

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you walk boldly as people who are set apart for His glory. Thank Him that His grace is always greater than our resistance, and pray for courage to live out His calling this week.