

FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

DATE: August 2, 2026
SPEAKER: Patrick Mostek

TITLE: Samson's Weakness
SCRIPTURE: Judges 14

OPENING PRAYER
ICE BREAKER:

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read the scripture for today

1. How did the nazirite vow distinguish someone from the rest of Israel? What was it meant to demonstrate? (Numbers 6:1-8)
2. How are Christians called to be set apart to God in the New Covenant?
3. Why was it wrong for Samson to demand to marry a Philistine woman?
4. What are some examples of how Christians fall into sin by doing what is right in their own eyes? (Hint: following their heart.)
5. How can a Christian govern our desires and feelings from sin today?
6. What is the tragedy of the wedding feast riddle?
7. What is Samson's reaction to his fiancée's nagging? Why is that ironic?
8. What does it mean that "God draws straight lines with crooked sticks?"
9. Why should the story of Samson be an encouragement to God's people?
10. How does it foreshadow the gospel?

APPLICATION

1. What is your nagging unanswered question?
2. What did you want to hear that you didn't hear from the message?
3. How can we get to know God as He is and not in the limited way we do now?
4. Think about what most caught your attention in the text or discussion. Why is God catching your attention with this at this point in your life? What does God want you to know or do?
5. What's one thing from this text that you could say to a believer/unbeliever about who God is?

PRAYER

Ask people for specific prayer requests. Pray for needs and for applications of the text. Ask for volunteers who would like to pray for those people and requests.

SHEPHERDING

Check the roster and see who is not there. Does the group know why someone is not there? Are there needs that can be met by the group? Specific prayer requests? Ask for someone to reach out and say, "We missed you."

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE:

John 8:12
Jesus spoke to them again:
"I am the light of the world.
Anyone who follows me
will never walk in the darkness
but will have the light of life."

REMINDERS

Small Group Checklist

- We suggest you serve 1x every six weeks or so. Discuss ideas.
- Encourage people to invite friends or neighbors to your group!!
- Discuss childcare, if needed.
- Talk about any upcoming group meals or activities.

Go through the Announcements in the Bulletin together to see what is coming up at FCC and how you can get plugged in! Here are a couple of those things - all registrations can be found online! www.fccnr.org

-VBS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Registration is open online with ways for the whole family to get involved! We hope you can join us for one of our biggest outreach opportunities of the year at Vacation Bible School - August 10-14!

-AUGUST 16th!

- **9AM:** "Journey to Africa" where you can hear firsthand from two of our own who recently visited Africa. As Jan Hoffman & Jackie Warner share about their trips, be inspired and find out how YOU can help send the gospel to Africa!
- **10AM:** We will wrap up VBS week with our final Summer Service on the back hill which will include our VBS program!
- **11:30AM:** Stick around for our annual church picnic to follow! Sign up online to help and please bring a dish to share!

-SUMMER SERVICE WRAP UP

Starting August 23rd, we will go back to our normal service times - 8:30am and 11am for worship, Sunday School at 10am!