

Shattered Saviors (Judges 14-16)

Judges: Shattered Saviors and Fractured Faith

Discussion Questions

1. Who is someone (real or fictional) you've looked up to as a "hero"? What made them stand out to you?
2. What kind of heroes does our culture tend to celebrate? What are some common traits or values we admire in them?
3. Why are we often tempted to put our hope in human heroes—whether they're famous, political, or personal?
4. **Read Judges 14:1-11**
 - What stands out to you in this passage?
 - What do Samson's actions reveal about his character? Why are they concerning?
 - How do you see God at work in this situation?
5. **Read Judges 15:1-16**
 - What details stand out to you in this section?
 - Do you think Samson was justified in how he responded? Why or why not?
 - How do his motives to fight shape your view of him as a deliverer?
 - The people of Judah make him their leader after this battle. What kind of leader did they think he was?
6. **Read Judges 16:4-21**
 - What is significant about where Samson is and what he's doing?
 - How do these events expose both his physical strength and his spiritual weakness?
7. **Read Judges 16:28-31**
 - What stands out to you about Samson's final prayer?
 - Why do you think God chooses to answer it?
 - How does this tragic ending highlight God's power and faithfulness?
8. What does Samson's story reveal about God—His character, purposes, or ways of working?
9. What does it reveal about the kind of Savior we truly need?
10. In what ways is Samson a shadow of Jesus? How is the deliverance Jesus offers different?
11. Where in your life are you tempted to rely on "shattered saviors"?
12. What would it look like to more fully embrace Jesus as your strong and faithful Savior this week?