

(1) 14:1-7 → Samson’s Weakness and the Lord’s Strength

(2) 14:8-15:8 → Riddles, Fires and the Lord’s Judgment

(3) 15:9-20 → Israel Rejection and the Lord’s Victory

Read Judges 14:1-7

- 1) Compare Judg. 14:2-4 and v7 (see also v9). What do these verses reveal about the character of Samson?
- 2) Share about a time you appealed to someone older or wiser, and their wisdom saved you from making a poor choice. What would have happened if you had done what was right in your own eyes?
- 3) What do you believe is the symbolic meaning of Samson tearing apart the lion? How does this point to his mission? How does this point forward to Christ's mission?
- 4) When have you ever seen the Lord work through your own sinful choices, or someone else's sinful choice, to bring about His good purposes?

Read Judges 14:8-15:8

- 5) This section begins with Samson fitting into the culture of his day (marrying and drinking with the Philistines). Why is fitting into our own culture still so attractive for churches and believers today? How do you feel that pressure in your own life?
- 6) How can we reconcile Samson's violent actions with his role as Israel's judge (cp. 14:19, 15:3)?

Read Judges 15:9-20

- 7) How would you respond if you were in the position of the men of Judah, caught between fear of God's enemies and loyalty to a fellow believer?
- 8) Compare God's response to Samson's need in 15:19 with the following passages: Ex. 17:6; Num. 20:8-11. How does God's intervention in these situations encourage you personally?