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## **Small Group Questions**

- 1. Read *Judges 13:1–5*. What stands out to you about the way God began Samson's story? What does this tell us about God's grace and calling even in seasons of national or personal failure?
- 2. Samson was set apart as a Nazirite from birth. What does it mean for believers today to be "set apart" for God? (See Romans 12:1–2 and 1 Peter 2:9.)
- 3. In *Judges 14:3*, Samson demanded what was "right in his own eyes." What are some ways we might also make decisions based on our own desires instead of God's direction? How can we guard our hearts against that?
- 4. Samson's strength came from the Spirit of the Lord, yet he often acted in pride. What's the difference between using our gifts for God's glory and using them for our own gain? How can we tell the difference in our own lives or ministries?
- 5. In the story of the lion and the honey (*Judges 14:5–9*), Samson broke his vow but hid it from his parents. Why do we sometimes try to hide compromise? What happens when we justify "small sins"?
- 6. Read *Judges 15:1–8* and *Romans 12:19*. Why is revenge so tempting when we've been wronged? What does God's Word teach about trusting Him for justice instead of taking matters into our own hands?
- 7. Samson's downfall with Delilah began long before she cut his hair it began when he ignored God's warnings. What warning signs does God give us today when we're heading toward spiritual danger? How can we respond early rather than late?
- 8. Read *Judges 16:20*. "But he did not know that the Lord had left him." What does this verse teach us about spiritual drift? How can we stay sensitive to God's presence and leading?
- 9. Even after Samson's failure, God still heard his final prayer (*Judges 16:28*). What does this reveal about repentance and God's mercy? How does this truth give you hope personally?
- 10. Reflect on the closing application: "We need new eyes to see, His strength to fight, humility to be holy, and to remember we're never too far gone." Which of those four truths do you most need to apply right now, and what specific step can you take this week to do it?