

THE TRUE KING REIGNS

Is Anyone Worthy? (God's Test of Faithfulness)

Samson part 3

Judges Part 13 (Ch 16) | Brian Criscuolo | August 23, 2020

I. Sovereign Dealings (Judges 1-2)

II. Sinful Desires (Judges 3-15)

III. Samson's Downfall (Judges 16:1-22)

IV. Samson's Death (Judges 16:23-31)

V. Savior's Deliverance

Discussion questions for you and your small group

Open your discussion time in prayer asking God to guide your conversations and open your hearts to His word and to one another.

1. As a group review the Samson narrative from Judges chapters 13-16. What were your main takeaways from the whole narrative? Did you learn something new about Samson or were you corrected about a wrong understanding of Samson over the past 3 sermons? Share with your group.
2. In the sermon we discussed Samson's character flaw and how he suffered from what the apostle John referred to in 1 John 2:17-18 as *the lust of the eyes*. The lust of the eyes refers to having a desire to possess what we see, or to have those things which have visual appeal. It is about seeing something we want, and then letting that stir our hearts to sinfully covet that thing. This could be money, possessions, another person sexually, or a host of other things. What are some things that you wish you had that you don't? While not all our desires to have what we see are sinful, do you think any of the things you wish you had would fall under the sin of *the lust of the eyes*? If so, has your desire for these things caused you to act in a sinful way to obtain them?
3. Read Matthew 4:1-11 together. In these verses we see Jesus fighting and pushing back against the devil's temptations by quoting Scripture. Now read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. How well do you think you understand the Scriptures? Do you feel confident that you can recall God's word and His desires for you in your life when you are tempted in your day to day living? Consider some ways you can more regularly read and study the Bible.