

Samson: When the Strong Become Weak | Victory In Death Judges 16:23-31

- 1. Skim over Judges chapters 13-16 and share together what you have learned about Samson, what you have been challenged by and any particular response you have made during the recent series.
- 2. What one question would you like to ask Samson if you could, and why?

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- 3. Share situations from your own life when God seems to be on the backfoot, and others prosper while life's tough for you. Have you ever been asked 'Where is God now?'? Have you ever wondered this yourself? How do you answer this question?
- 4. Kay concluded that through his life Samson lost sight of who he was? Do you agree? Why/why not? What evidence is there that Samson demonstrates any remorse, repentance, or change, in this last chapter of his life? Have a look at the prayer in v28.
- 5. Discuss the way God brings about his promise to Samson's parents and his divine purposes despite Samson's failures. Share promises from scripture we can hold onto when we need assurance that God will fulfil his purposes in our lives?
- 6. Samson eventually discovered God's strength in his own weakness. Read 1 Corinthians 1:18-31. What does Jesus' death teach us about how God uses the weak things of this world? What encouragement do you take from this truth?
- 7. Read Hebrews 11:32-34 Samson is mentioned as a hero of our faith! When you've messed up and you feel weak, what hope can you draw from this?

Why not spend some time thanking God for Jesus victory on the cross and praying that this week we will know God's strength as we seek to live for him?