

BibleWise

Discussion Questions – Samson

Read Judges 13-16

- Birth
 - What was unusual about Samson's birth? (Judges 13:3)
 - What did the angel tell his mother? (Judges 13:3-5)
 - What instructions did the angel give Samson's mother? (Judges 13:6-7)
 - What are the vows of a Nazarite? (see above: no strong drink, no eating of unclean food, and no hair cuts)
 - Did Manoah believe his wife?
 - Why do you think he insisted he hear the message from the angel?
 - What was unusual about Samson? (strength) Who was Samson's father? (Judges 13:8-9)
- Marriage
 - Who did Samson want to marry? (Judges 14: 2)
 - Why didn't this please his parents? (Judges 14:3)
 - Do you have any rules about who you can date?
 - What did Samson do to the lion? (Judges 14:5-6)
 - What is Samson's riddle? (Judges 14:12-14)
 - Is this a fair riddle? Why or why not?
 - If you are the only one who can possibly know the answer, is it fair?
 - What do the Philistines promise to do to Samson's wife if they don't get the answer to the riddle? (Judges 14:15)
 - What does Samson's wife do? (she gets Samson to tell her and then she tells the Philistines)
 - What does Samson do in his anger? (Judges 14:19)
 - How does this affect his wife? (Judges 14:20)
 - What rules did Samson break? (he ate unclean food, honey from the lion, he drank strong drink at the feast, he killed people unnecessarily)
 - What happens when we break rules?
 - When Samson tries to win back his wife, what happens?
 - What does he do when his wife's father offers someone else?(Judges 15:3-5)
 - How many foxes did he catch? (300)

- What do the Philistines do after Samson burns their crops? (Judges 15:6)
- How does Samson avenge this act? (Judges 15:7-8)
- What is revenge?
- What happens when people resort to revenge?
- What do we learn from Samson's experience about revenge? o
- How many men did Samson kill with the jaw bone of a donkey? (Judges 15:15)
- After this carnage, he judged Israel for how many years?(Judges 15:20)
- Failure of Samson
 - Who did the Philistines use to entice Samson? (Judges 16:1-2)
 - What does Samson do with the massive gate to the city?
 - Why do you think he did that?
 - What was the name of the woman Samson loved in the valley of Sorek? (Judges 16:4)
 - What was Delilah's motivation? (money)
 - Did she love Samson?
 - What mistake did Samson make with Delilah that he made with his wife? (told his secret)
 - Do you keep secrets?
 - What have you noticed when you tell someone a secret?
 - Who do you trust to tell a secret? Why?
 - How much money did the Philistines promise Delilah if she found the source of Samson's strength? (Judges 16:5)
 - How many times did Samson lie to Delilah before telling her that his hair was the source of his strength? (three times)
 - What four things did Samson tell Delilah would weaken him? (green withs, new ropes, weaving seven of his locks with the web, and a razor on his hair)
 - What do the Philistines do to Samson after they cut his hair?
 - What is Samson's final act?
 - What do we learn from Samson's life?