



**Samson: When The Strong Become Weak | Collapsing of Faith |
Judges 16:1-22**

1. When you reflect on the teaching from Sunday, what can you recall that you were encouraged or challenged by? Why was that? What did you learn that was a new insight for you?
2. Read together Judges 16:1-3. The phrase 'one day' comes out of the blue after 20 years of leadership, but does it really?
 - a. What do you think is going on for Samson? Why is he so rebellious? Do any contemporary stories come to mind that could start 'one day'?
 - b. What do we learn by looking at this story and other contemporary examples?
3. Read together Judges 16:4-22. Share what strikes you about the narrative? What questions does it raise for you? Share with others and hear their thoughts on your question?
 - a. Samson clearly has reduced the value of his dedication to God. He has in some sense forgotten where his gift of strength comes from.
 - i. Share ways in which you can maintain your devotion to God. How can you guard against taking all that God has done in/for/through you for granted?
 - b. Samson struggled with boundaries; he couldn't identify when enough was enough.
 - i. Consider areas in which you are struggling in your Christian walk. Share together, offer words of encouragement, and pray for one another.
4. Several challenges were made on Sunday by reflecting on scripture. How do the following verses encourage and challenge you personally?
 - a. Romans 7:15
 - b. Galatians 6:1-2
 - c. 2 Corinthians 12:9