



Life Group Story Guide (Week 3)

Theme: "Limitless Growth", **Story Guide 3: Judges 16:1-31** (Among Thorns)

Open in Prayer, Welcome & Introductions

Review of Life Group Guidelines

Hook Question: What would you say is your greatest strength?

Background of tonight' story: The story of Samson takes place during the time Israel was led by judges. Samson was a judge over Israel for 20 years and was Israel's last judge mentioned in the Bible. Samson's mother was barren, and an angel appeared to tell her that she would soon have a son that would deliver Israel from the Philistines (who had been oppressing Israel for years). He was to be a Nazarite from birth and he was neither to shave or cut his hair and to abstain from alcoholic drinks and unclean foods. Samson is blessed by GOD with immense strength and becomes a mighty warrior for Israel. Now let's take a closer look at this story and see how it all unfolds.

Tell the Story: This week's Bible passage is found in **Judges 16:1-31**

Rebuild the Story

Read the Story out loud (look for additions or omissions)

Questions:

- What were the key factors that led to Samson's downfall, and how did his choices impact both his relationship with GOD and his mission as Israel's judge?
- In what ways do you relate to Samson's struggles with temptation, and how do you handle situations where your desires conflict with GOD'S purpose for your life?
- Samson let his physical strength take rule, negating his spiritual strength in GOD. How do you avoid this in your life?
- How does Samson's story of betrayal and eventual redemption challenge you to trust GOD more deeply, even in times of personal failure or weakness?

Review & Retell the Story

Assign Next Week's Story: Genesis 22:1-14

Close in Prayer