

## Connect Group Questions March 17, 2024

**Key Scriptures:** Judges 21:25; Numbers 6:3-6; Judges 13:24-25; Judges 14:1-9, 15:20, 16:1, 20-28

### Start talking:

Have you ever been lost? Tell the group how you got lost, then how you found your way back.

### Start thinking:

Read Judges 21:25. What are some negative consequences of people doing whatever “seemed right in their own eyes”? How do we see this playing out today?

Just for fun- which of the Nazirite vows (Numbers 6:3-6)— no booze, no barber, no bodies- would have been the hardest for you to abide by and why? Why do you think God chose those three things?

Read Judges 14:1-9. Where do we see examples of Samson wandering and wasting his potential with his lust, dabbling, and pride in these verses? If you want more examples, skim through Judges 14-16 and call them out.

Read Judges 14:4, 6, 19; 15:14, 20. The Spirit of God was with Samson, and God used Samson to lead His people for an extended period of time. Is this surprising to you? Why or why not? What can we learn from this?

### Start sharing:

Read Judges 16:1. Josh said that we wander and waste our potential one step at a time. What kinds of activities are “one step at a time” activities? How can you avoid them?

Read this quote from Larry Osborne: “Results can be... deceiving. Whether I’m succeeding or failing has little or nothing to do with whether I’m on the right path. Yet most of us tend to judge our relationship with God by how things are going... But success and failure reveal nothing about our spirituality. Even being used mightily by God is not a sure sign we’re on good terms.” Why do you think Samson told Delilah about his hair? What does this quote imply for each of us? How can we avoid Samson’s fate?

Are there any habits or practices in your life that could be considered “wandering” activities (e.g. too much time on your phone, listening to podcasts or music that isn’t edifying, watching shows/movies that are crass, living on more than you make, etc.)? If you’re comfortable sharing them, please do, and ask your group to hold you accountable to turn away from them.

### Start doing:

If you’re on the path, stay on the path. What are some ways we can ensure we stay on the path?

If you’re wandering, turn back. If you had a major moral failure, what would be the impact? Wrestle with this thought.

If you’re off the path, embrace God’s grace. Failure is an event; not a person. Jesus already paid the price for your sin, so embrace God’s grace, and turn back to Him.

### Prayer Requests:

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