

Small Group Questions ::: Samson ::: Judges 13



The story of Samson begins in a similar fashion to the rest of the book of Judges. Israel once again leaves the Lord to follow their sinful pattern. In this instance, they live in sin for forty years. Forty years is considered to be an entire generation of people. Now we see that God will act on behalf of His people. The Angel of the Lord goes to Manoah and his wife to let them know that they will have a son. Samson will be dedicated as a Nazarite from birth. He will begin the deliverance process for Israel. Manoah and his wife teach us about a faithful prayer life that never gives up. They are a glimmer of hope in a hopeless, sinful, people. Study the following questions to see how God might stir your heart to faithful service and a dedicated prayer life.

1. The story of Samson's birth is a miracle in that his parents were unable to have children. Share about your birth story or a miracle that happened where God spared your life when you shouldn't have made it.
2. Read Judges 13:1. Once again Israel falls into sin. We've talked a lot about sin during this series. How do you protect yourself from falling into sin? What boundaries have you established to keep yourself from sin? 1 Peter 2:11-12
3. Samson's mom took a Nazarite vow (Read Judges 13:3-5). God gave the Nazarite vow to Moses to share with the people (read Numbers 6:1-21). What sticks out to you about the commitment of someone taking this vow?
4. The Bible accounts for a handful of miraculous birth stories. Take some time to read about the birth of Isaac (Genesis 18:10), the dedication of Samuel (1 Samuel 1:11), and the promise for John the Baptist (Luke 1:13). What sticks out to you?
5. Manoah and wife most likely prayed for a son for decades. Read these verses about prayer: Matthew 6:5-15, 7:7-12, and Luke 18:1-8. What is something you are constantly asking God for or a prayer you've given up on?
6. Read Judges 13:8-14. Manoah longed to know how to raise Samson but God gave him all he needed to obey God today. Is there something in your life you haven't been obedient to God on because you want more information?
7. The miraculous birth of Samson tells us that the Holy Spirit was with him from a young age (Judges 13:25). Jesus promised the Holy Spirit to the disciples (John 14:15-31). Where is the Holy Spirit working in your life?
8. Close your time in prayer. Talk about who you will invite to Coastline this week