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COMMUNITYGROUP
MESSAGE NOTES

SAMSON PART :

"THE HOPE"

OCTOBER 6TH

Samson "went down to Timnah" – he was tempted by what he saw and then followed through with what was 'right in his own eyes'. How are we drawn away in a similar way? How should we respond when it comes to temptation and how can God work through evil acts and decisions?

*****LEADERS***: Please go to www.missionlogs.com/byname to read up about this important church initiative as it is a vital part of what the CGs will be praying for and involved in. ALSO please read the info about Christianity Explored on missionlogs.com and encourage your group to sign up online.**

Judges 14:1-5

1. Doris's story – Doris shared that the Lord has been leading her through 'baby steps' into knowing Him and becoming a follower of Jesus.
 - Read Proverbs 16:9
 - Reflect on how the Lord has been directing your path in recent days weeks and months
2. Judges 14:1 - "Samson went down... and saw..." - Alienation from God often starts with a glance
 - Read Matthew 6:22-23
 - Consider – in what areas of our lives do we need to be particularly mindful in our lives
 - What 'decision before a decision' can we make to help us proactively 'guard our eyes'?
3. Judges 14:4 – "This was from the Lord."
This apparently contradictory sentence is actually an example that reveals the truth that our sin is not a hindrance to the sovereignty of God.
 - Other examples: Genesis 50:20; Joshua 11:20; Roman 9:17; Acts 2:23
 - How did God's sovereignty trump the choices of man?
4. Our journey as Christians involves both the sovereignty of God and to choose well.
Read the following: Rom 6:12-16; Col 2:13-15; 1 Cor 10:13-14
 - Finish the statement : "God is _____ AND He expects His people to _____."
5. Walking in the fullness of God's will includes being aware of Satan's strategies to "kill, steal and destroy". Glen mentioned Satan H.I.T us:
 - H – Hungry – not feeding on the word of God
 - I – Isolated – away from biblical community
 - T – Tired – so busy we are exhausted
 - Consider – Are you vulnerable in any of these areas? Share you need with the community group – allow them to stand with you in prayer and perhaps ask you the 'tough' questions to help you keep on track.

Finish by reading Col 2:13-15

Pray thanks for God providing His son Jesus to be our victory, our hope and our power

Pray for the byname initiative – has everyone signed up? Missionlogs.com/byname