



## Judges Series Study Sheet

Week 12—October 6

Message Title: The Untold Ways of God

Text: Judges 14

Read Judges 14

What has been your perception of Samson in the past? How have you heard him portrayed (sermons, stories, Sunday school lessons, etc). What virtues or vices do people typically think he has?

After reading this chapter, what actions of Samson in this chapter seem most outrageous to you? Why?

Which character(s) do you most identify with in this story? Why?

In what ways does God work through Samson's foolishness in this chapter?

Reuben discussed how even when people act against God's will (like Samson did) God can use their actions to accomplish his will. What do you think of that idea? Can God use human sinfulness to accomplish his purposes?

*"Human history is two-storied. There is the lower level of events that happen to us and around us. And there is the upper level where God works through these events to move his great redemptive plan forward."* How can that view of life give us a fresh perspective on how God works in the world?

Can you think of any experiences in your own life, or in the lives of people you know, when God has worked through foolish actions to accomplish his plans?

Often we can't see what God is doing in a situation, even in hindsight. How can we trust that God is still working when it's not visible to us?

Read Romans 8:28. What does this verse mean? What is our "good" and how does God work toward it?

Can you see yourself in Samson's life? Can you identify with his selfishness? What hope does it give you that God is at work even in your selfishness?

What response is God seeking from you out of this story?