

## Based on a True Story - Samson

June 4-5, 2016

### Community:

1. What's one new thing that you've learned in this series that you hadn't before?
2. Has this series made you view God differently than before? If so, how?

### Core:

1. If you had to sum up the story of Samson in one sentence, what would you say this story has to say about who God is?
2. Samson was a Nazarite and the Nazirites had so many vows to follow. What do you think was the goal of following all of those vows? What are some vows we have in our lives, and why do we follow them?
3. **Read Judges 13:5, 14:6, 14:19-20.** What was God's purpose and mission for Samson? How did Samson's decisions deflect from God's mission for him? How were they the same?
4. **Read Judges 16:17-21.** How does Samson's defiance of God (maybe) reflect you, and your defiance of God?
5. Even though Samson constantly defied God, God still achieved His purpose. Take a couple of minutes and write down what you think God's purpose is for your life—whether you are on board with it now or not. What do you need to do to get on track with that mission? Share with your group.

### Challenge:

Scott ended his message asking you to *"imagine your life in cooperation with God."* Write this down and challenge yourself to wake up each morning this week and reflect on this, and then take some simple steps each day to live in *cooperation with God.*