

Sermon Discussion Guide 4/28-5/4 VGroup Meetings

Sermon Title: Fame to Shame - Judges 16:15-22,28-30

Distribute name tags as people enter. Take attendance in FellowshipOne / collect new guest information including address, phone & email, etc. Allow folks to mingle, fellowship, and settle in with each other. Download/email resources from www.vgroups.org. Source for study guide, covenant, and more.

Open the session with prayer.

Discussion Starter/Ice Breaker: (15-20 mins)

Has there been a time when God strengthened you or pulled you out of a bad situation?

Discussion Questions: (45 mins)

1. Read the focus verses from the sermon together - Judges 16:15-22,28-30. What are the 3 main study points from the sermon?
2. Read Matt 4:1-11 together. Who's being tempted & who's tempting? What do you notice about the temptations presented in these verses? What do the temptations focus on? How are the temptations overcome? Why is it important for us to know that He was tempted?(Heb 2:18) Do you face similar temptations in your life? If so, how are they manifested?
3. Look at these verses together: Matt 5:27-30, Rom 6:23, John 8:31-38, 1 John 2:15-17 & 3:4, James 1:12-16. What characteristics of sin do you see in the verses? What are the warnings about giving in to sin?
4. How can you resist sin? (1 Cor 10:13, Matt 26:41, James 4:7, Gal 6:1-2, Eph 4:27 & 6:11) When you do sin, is there redemption? How? (Ps 51:12, Isaiah 1:18-19, Eph 1:7, 1 John 1:8-10, 2 Peter 3:9, Acts 3:38 & 3:19-21, Col 1:14)
5. How would you respond to a person like Samson? Someone that is slipping into sin's trap, blind to their actions and starting to get worn down & enslaved. How do you keep from becoming Samson (resist sin)? Discuss practical ways you can stand firm against temptations. (Galatians 5:16, 6:1-2, Matt 26:41, James 1:12-16,4:7)
6. As Christians, we are called to be light in the darkness(Matt 5:13-16), yet warned in 2 Cor 6:14 to not be in partnership or fellowship with non-Christians. How can you share Truth with unbelievers & not get pulled into sin? How do you impact the "world" & guard yourself from getting worn down by sin?
7. (Testimony/Review) Go back and read Luke 16:27-29 together. What does the Rich Man ask? What is significant about the question? How does the answer apply to you today? Last week, you thought about 1 person with whom you needed to share your story with. Has that happened yet? If so, share some details with the group. If not, why not? Are there others that you need to share the hope of Jesus with?

Closing: Open the floor for discussion / questions.

Prayer Requests:

Close in prayer.

