

Small Group Questions for the Week of August 10, 2014

Please read Judges 13:1-5

1. In the cycle of Judges we have seen the Israelites repeatedly
 - Turn away from God
 - Come under the control of their enemies
 - Cry out to God from their terrible situation
 - God raises up a deliver
 - The Israelites defeat the enemy
 - The land experiences rest/peace

The first four actions usually take place in the very beginning. Which action is skipped in Judges 13:1-5?

2. Are you surprised that the Israelites never called out to God for help? Why or why not?
3. Please read Judges 15:9-12. Why do you think the Israelites are so quick to hand over Sampson? (Note to Leader: This appears to be pure fear.)
4. The Israelites are also quick to acknowledge that the Philistines are their rulers. Why do you think they acknowledge this so readily? (Note: Fear again)
5. What are some areas of enslavement that you have experienced over the years? (You can be general and still be honest.)
6. Why do you think we get enslaved to things that we don't have to be enslaved by? (Note: I am going with fear again.)
7. What are we afraid of?
8. How has God delivered you from your fears?
9. Travis mentioned taking action immediately that might help keep us in line with His truth. What steps can you take as individuals? As a Small Group?