





Sunday 29th November 2026
Judges 14 – Strength and Weakness

The Secret of God's Purpose (v.1-4)

The Sign of God's Strength (v.5-9)

The Shortcomings of God's Servant (v.10-18)

The Salvation of God's People (v.19-20)

Questions to discuss in our Growth Groups and personal reflection

The Secret of God's Purpose (v.1-4)

What was wrong with Samson's desires and actions in these early verses?

How did God plan to use these wrong motivations as part of His good plan?

Have you needed/are you needing to trust God with something in your life that doesn't seem to make sense to you? What comfort does verse 4 give us?

The Sign of God's Strength (v.5-9)

How did Samson have the strength to overpower the lion and why was this important for Samson's main calling?

How has God given you signs of His strength and provision that has equipped you for future challenges?

Why did Samson fail to tell his parents about where the honey came from and what does this tell us about honesty and accountability?

The Shortcomings of God's Servant (v.10-18)

How are Samson's shortcomings exposed in this part of the story?

What mistakes does Samson repeat in a couple of chapters time? Why isn't Samson aware of (or prepared to face up to) this area of weakness?

If we don't address our shortcomings, what is likely to happen in the future?

The Salvation of God's People (v.19-20)

Did the 30 Philistine men win the riddle challenge??

So, how was God working His purpose out through Samson?

Contrast Jesus with Samson for a moment, and marvel at our perfect ultimate saviour!