





Sunday 15th November 2026
Judges 13 – A saviour is born

A miraculous birth from God (v.1-3)

A life set apart for God (v.4-7)

A faith in the promise of God (v.8-25)

Questions to discuss in our Growth Groups and personal reflection

A miraculous birth from God (v.1-3)

In this story the enemy was the Philistines (previously it was the Moabites, Canaanites, Midianites, Ammonites). Why was Israel constantly oppressed, and what is the deep-down cause of the messes we get ourselves into?

Why is childlessness often so painful for people? What lengths do people go to nowadays to have children?

Why was being barren seen as a curse for Israelites in the Bible? How does God's intervention (in this story and others) emphasise His special purpose?

How was Jesus' birth even more miraculous and why did it need to be?

A life set apart for God (v.4-7)

What was the purpose of the Nazirite vow (from Numbers 6)?

Why was Samson's calling even more special than the regular Nazirite vow?

How was Jesus' dedication to God & rescue mission to the world even greater still, and what praise does this invoke from us?

In response to God's wonderful love for you, would you describe your life as "set apart for God"? What does it/would it look for you to be dedicated to Him?

A faith in the promise of God (v.8-25)

What in this story indicates that Manoah and his wife had faith in God, and what shows the limits to their faith?

Why is a relationship with God more precious than simply rules from God?

How does your relationship with Jesus transform the way you think and the decisions you make?