

- 1) Last Sunday we learned about the “hesed” of God (costly, loyal love expressed in actions) in the story of Ruth. Over the past week, how have you found rest in the “hesed” of God?
- 2) Read Numbers 6:1-8. This passage displays the Nazirite Vow, which Samson was meant to live out during the Judges period. What are the components of the Nazirite Vow? What do you think the purpose of this Vow is?
- 3) Samson was given the charge to live separate from the world around him to do God’s will. He was to be defined by his devotion to the Lord. What type of actions and character do you think we as Christians should be defined by today? What does a life that is separate to God look like?
- 4) The story of Samson serves as a mirror for both Israel in the period of Judges and for you and me, presently. What similarities do you see between yourself and Samson?
- 5) A consistent theme of Judges is doing “what is right in our own eyes.” We all have moments of doing “what is right in our own eyes” and face certain strongholds that keep us from a life of total devotion to God. What specific strongholds do you think you consistently struggle with as you seek to walk with God?
- 6) We learned today that God deeply loves us despite our strongholds, and has a wonderful plan for our lives. This week, how can you become like Christ in all of life by trading your strongholds for the abundant and free life that God has called you to?