

Read Hebrews 12:5-11. What can we learn about God’s discipline from this passage? Read Psalm 94:12-14. What promises do we find here?

Read Judges, chapters 13-16 (the entire Samson story). Choose one part of the story (preferably something that was not covered in the sermon) and try to find a principle that can be applied to our lives today.

Prayer Requests



May 11, 2025

Samson and Delilah

<p><u>Scripture References</u> Judges 13-16</p>

- 1) God _____ the nations around Israel to defeat and oppress them because they had done _____ in the sight of the Lord.
- 2) The goal of discipline is not to punish but to _____ the right actions.
- 3) When we disobey God, we _____ ourselves from his _____.

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- 4) People in lion country gather thorn bushes and branches to build a hedge to keep the _____ out.
- 5) The hedge of protection God provides is made up of the _____ that he has given us.
- 6) A _____ was a man or a woman who made a special vow of dedication and consecration to God.
- 7) In spite of Samson's sin, God still used him to _____ his purpose, but Samson paid a high price. He died at a young age, a prisoner, with his eyes gouged out.
- 8) Life is much more difficult and painful when we live _____ the hedge; the parameters and boundaries that God gives us.
- 9) If you're a Christian, you _____ have a hedge of protection. Make sure you're not living outside of it.



Small Group Discussion Questions

Please try to think these over and jot down some ideas prior to discussing them at the meeting, it will improve the discussion.

Who is the strongest person (physically, emotionally or spiritually) you have ever met? Describe what made this person so special?

Describe some of the commands that make up God's protective hedge. Read Ephesians 4:17-32. In your opinion, what are three of the most important points in those verses?

Read 1 Peter 5:8. What is the danger of being outside the hedge? How can we minimize that danger? What are some ways in which the devil devours us?

(Continued on reverse)