

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

BLIND SPOTS

While anyone can take time to answer these questions individually, these questions are best discussed in a group! Not in a group yet? We want you in one! Head over to southeastchristian.org to join a group in person or online, wherever you are - today!

Samson's story reminds us of the devastating effects pride can have on our lives. Though our arrogance can lead us to humiliation, we find true strength in humility before God.

Has there ever been a time in your life when someone close to you opened your eyes to one of your blind spots? How did you receive their counsel? If you could go back in time and change that interaction, is there anything you would do differently?

Read Judges 16:4-20. How does this story show Samson's great pride? How does it reveal some of his insecurities? In what ways can our insecurities reveal themselves in arrogance? Why do we try to hide our weaknesses and overcompensate for what we know we lack?

Samson's physical strength was ultimately betrayed by his emotional and spiritual weakness. Why is it that our areas of greatest strength also be the source of our greatest weaknesses? How have you seen this in your own life (or in the lives of those around you)?

Judges 16:20 ends with one of the most depressing sentences in the Bible: "...[Samson] did not know the Lord had left him." What strikes you about this sentence? How do you think Samson got himself to such a place? How do these words serve as a cautionary tale for us?

Kyle talked about four questions that can keep us from Samson's fate (Do I listen to the counsel of others? Do I compromise in small things? Am I easily offended? Am I aware of my weaknesses?). Which of these four questions resonates the most with you? Why? Identify one practical step you can take this week to help address that area of your life.

Read James 4:4-10. How would humility have changed Samson's life? In what ways do you think his story might have been different? According to these verses, what does humility look like? How would that translate into your everyday life?