



WEEK 4 DISCUSSION GUIDE

MESSAGE NOTES:

1. What new thoughts have you gained about the Bible from our study so far?
2. Has something in the Old Testament ever caused you to question or doubt the existence and/or nature of God? If so, explain.
3. Share any SOAP Journal entries you have from Hebrews 11.
4. One unbelievable story in the Old Testament is Samson. Read a summary of his story: Judges 13:24,25, 14:1-4, 16:1-4, 16:18-21, 16:28-30. Which parts of his story are the most unbelievable to you?
5. Andy said that God is like a good father, accommodating his people where they are. Do you see evidence of that in Samson's story?
6. Read Leviticus 18:1-5. How do these verses emphasize how God is helping his people become distinct from the rest of the world?
7. Read Leviticus 19:9-10. How does this practice elevate the position of marginalized people?
8. While God met his people where they were, he never lets them stay stuck where they are. From the examples of people in Hebrews 11, what encourages you to live your life more in line with God's principles?

Bottom Line: God played by the rules of the kingdoms of this world in order to usher in a kingdom not of this world.

SOAP JOURNAL EXERCISE

Read: Isaiah 53

S - Scripture - Choose one verse from the scripture above and hand write it below.

O - Observation - Describe in your own words what you think the verse is saying. Explore words and phrases and try to put down what you “see” in this verse. You can even re-write the verse in your own words.

A - Application - Write down what you should do because of what this verse says. It may be something you need to keep doing, stop doing, or start new. Make it as detailed and specific as possible.

P - Prayer - Write a prayer thanking God for speaking to you, and ask him to help you focus on what he has said and what you should do.