

**Series Character Matters****Passage** Judges 16:1-3**Title** The Compartmentalized Life**Speaker:** Dave Menard 02/19/2017

Discussion Starter: This Sunday we learned how easily we as Christians tend to compartmentalize God to fit into our own box. What are some of the ways you see yourself still compartmentalizing God?

A Desire To Be Our Own God/Boss (Judges 16:1-3; Psalm 139:7-12)

- We see Samson continuing in his sinful ways. He is on a mission but his mission is not for God but one to gratify his flesh. Samson was misusing his calling and gifting for his own personal benefit. How can God's man be with a prostitute? When we compartmentalize God and keep Him from certain areas of our lives as Samson did we are telling Him He is not LORD over all of our lives. Can you identify any areas of your life that you are reluctant in giving completely over to God?
- In what ways do we see that God is still being gracious to Samson? Why do you think God is still so patient with Samson even after he has defiled himself with a prostitute? In what ways has God been patient with you?
- What are some of the truths we can glean from Psalm 139:7-12 when trying to compartmentalize God in our own lives?

Ignorance of God's Purpose for Our Lives

- As we look around at all of the inanimate objects in the church we see that they all have a purpose. In your own words describe how you would tell someone else what God has given you as a purpose for your life?

We Have an Imbecilic Understanding of God's Love for Us

- We are the apple of His eye, the bride of Christ. Jesus did not redeem us to have a part of our lives. Are we different people at work than at church? Do we have some compartments for God and others that He is not welcome? Are there certain areas that you are afraid to share with God?
- Why do you think God hates duplicitous lives...being one way at church and another the rest of the week?

Compartmentalized Life Leads to Disaster (Judges 16:1-3; Romans 6:16, 23)

- Gaza was a beach town resort loaded with immorality. Vacations can be a great thing but in Samson's case his love for lust caused him to be a slave to sin. According to Romans 6:16, what are our options when it comes to being a slave? What are the consequences of both choices?

We Cannot Fix Ourselves

- We need to realize that we are broken vessels and that we must devote our lives to Christ. Our lives do not improve when we put God into a compartment. We learned that we must not **|Add Christ|** to our life we must put our life **|Completely in Christ|**. As Christians, how we are to practically go about putting our life **|Completely in Christ|**?