

## Discussion Guide for "Delilah" Empathy for the Devil Week 2

What does it look like for Christians to be different from the world? Too often, we treat religion as a brand – one more optional lifestyle for people to choose from. But the story of Delilah and Samson illustrates how following God's counter-cultural way becomes an invitation for those outside the Church – and life for us, too.

## **Scriptures for Further Reading**

Genesis 1:26-28 Exodus 19:1-6 Judges 16:4-21 Matthew 5:13-16 Galatians 5:16-23

## **Passage for Sacred Reading:**

A sacred reading is a method of reading Scripture that invites God to speak to us through the text. If you have never done a sacred reading, here is <u>a simple step-by-step guide</u>. This week's passage is <u>Galatians</u> <u>5:16-23</u>.

## **Questions for Discussion**

- 1. What makes you angry most often in day-to-day life?
- 2. JR. claimed the book of Judges treats Samson as the real villain. Why is that?
- 3. How do we discern between God's way and "what is right in our own eyes"? When have you had to choose between those in the last week?
- 4. Read Paul's instructions to the Galatians in 5:16-23. What fruit of the Spirit are most evident in your life? Which are least evident?
- 5. Read Matthew 5:16-23. What does it look like for you to be the light of the world this week?