Cedar Creek Sunday Message Discussion Questions

Series: Sovereignty of God

Message: God’s Sovereignty When you’re not trying at all, Samson

*The story of Samson is found in Judges chapters 13-16*

*Judges 14:4 His parents did not know that this was from the Lord, who was seeking an occasion to confront the Philistines; for at that time they were ruling over Israel.*

Samson disobeyed God, but God used it for his purposes.

Discuss the question: Is it possible that God can use our choices, even bad ones for his purposes?

*Judges 15:18 Because he was very thirsty, he cried out to the Lord, “You have given your servant this great victory. Must I now die of thirst and fall into the hands of the uncircumcised?” 19 Then God opened up the hollow place in Lehi, and water came out of it.*

Samson talked to God when he wanted something.

Are there ways we can avoid the tendency to reach out only when we need something?

Discuss the three lessons from the story of Samson:

* God’s plans don’t depend on my effort or skill.
	+ We tend to connect our performance with God’s ultimate purposes.
* God uses people who we think he won’t or shouldn’t.
	+ What sorts of people do we tend to think God can’t use for his purposes?
* Cooperating with God makes the good times better/sweeter and the bad times bearable
	+ Discuss the difference it makes when we “cooperate” with God’s sovereignty.