

Water of Life Community Church
SAMUEL: A LIFE OF PRAYER
WEEK 2
1 SAMUEL 3:1-21

ICE BREAKER

PRAYER

WORSHIP

INTRODUCTION

Today's passage in 1 Samuel 3 shows us that obedience to God might not be as complicated as we tend to make it. In the end, we need to listen to God and do what He says.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. READ 1 SAMUEL 3:1-9.

- a. What do we learn about the spiritual climate of Samuel's day in verse 1?
- b. Why do you think the Lord called to Samuel the boy instead of Eli the priest?
- c. When you spend time with God, do you spend more time talking or listening? Why?
- d. What things in our lives distract us from hearing the voice of God?
- e. Who has been an Eli to you in your life—someone that has helped you hear the voice of God more clearly?
- f. Are you investing your life right now to be an Eli for someone else? If not, why not?

2. READ 1 SAMUEL 3:10-11.

- a. Verse 10 is the pivotal verse of this passage. What did Eli tell Samuel to do, and how does this help us understand what we must do if we want to hear from God?
- b. When you pray, is it usually with an attitude of "Speak Lord, your servant listens," or "Listen Lord, for your servant speaks"? What is the difference between these two approaches to prayer?
- c. Read Psalm 46:10. Why do you think God values silence, or being still before Him? What do we communicate to God through our silence?

d. On the other hand, what do we communicate to God when we spend most or all of our prayer time listening to ourselves speak?

3. READ 1 SAMUEL 3:12-21.

a. Why was God angry at Eli?

b. How had Eli previously responded when God spoke to Him (v. 13)? Compare that with how Eli responded when God spoke through Samuel.

c. Why do you think God often chooses to speak to us through community?

d. What benefits have you experienced being a part of a community where God's truth is taught and shared?

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

What's your next step today to make sure you are putting yourself in the right surroundings to hear the voice of God?

Is it easy or difficult for you to hear from God? Explain. How would you counsel someone who says they can't remember the last time they heard God speaking to them?

Is there something you have been hearing from God and not doing? How can this group help you in that?

GOING DEEPER / WEEKLY CHALLENGE

REFLECT

- What's one area in your life where you thought you were defeated, and God brought victory?

RESPOND

- Like Samuel, God wants to speak to you. Practice humbly going before Him, worship Him and invite Him into the areas where you need to hear His heart.

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MEMORY VERSE

1 Samuel 3:10, New Living Translation (NLT)

And the LORD came and called as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel replied, "Speak, your servant is listening."

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