

Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

GOD SPEAKS 1 Samuel 3:1-21

Main Thought: In 1 Samuel 3:1-21, we discover the importance of listening to and obeying the Word of God.

1. _____ (vv 1-3)
 - 1) The _____ of the Lord was rare
 - 2) _____ Eli
 - 3) _____ Samuel
2. THE SILENCE IS _____ (vv 4 -18)
 - 1) God's _____ Word (vv 4-10)
 - 2) The Word of the Lord That Was _____ (vv 11-18)
 - (1) The Word of _____
 - (2) The _____ of fear and submission
3. A PROPHET IN ISRAEL: _____ NO LONGER SILENT (vv 19-21)
4. GOD _____ TODAY
 - 1) Through His _____, Jesus Christ. (John 1:1, 14; Heb. 1:1-2)
 - 2) Through His written Word _____ by the Holy Spirit. (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:21)
 - 3) Are we _____? (Luke 9:35)

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. Read 1 Samuel 3:1-21 and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal God's truth to you as you read.

2. What do you learn about God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) from this passage?

3. What do you learn about human beings/yourself from this passage?

4. What verse meant the most to you? Why?

5. What didn't you understand in the passage? What answers did you find for your questions?

6. What application(s) for your life do you take away from this passage?

Digging deeper:

7. What was rare in those days? (v 1) How might that have affected the people of God?

8. What do you make of Eli's physical disability? What might this and the "lamp of God" symbolize? What is the "lamp of God"?

9. How many times does the Lord call out to Samuel? Who did he think was calling him? Why didn't Samuel know initially it was the Lord?

10. Once Eli realized what was happening, how did he instruct Samuel?

11. What did God say to Samuel? Why was God angry with Eli? How did Eli fail to repent?

12. If you were Samuel, how would have felt repeating God's words to Eli?

13. What does it mean that Samuel "let none of his words fall to the ground"? How does that compare to Eli?

14. What does it mean that "the Lord was with Samuel as he grew up"?

15. What did the people realize about Samuel?

16. How do you treat the Word of God? What are some ways you could increase your intake of the Word of God and live it out in your life?