

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.

There is No One Holy Like the Lord 1 Samuel 6 & 7

Main Thought: In 1 Samuel 6 & 7, we discover there is no one holy like the Lord and how we should respond to Him.

1. _____ PERPLEXITY (6:1-9)

- 1) Their _____ (v 2)
- 2) Their _____ (v 3)
- 3) Their _____ (vv 4-9)
 - (1) Golden _____ and rats
 - (2) _____ analogy
 - (3) _____ instructions

2. THE _____ EXODUS (6:10-18)

- 1) The _____ of our God
- 2) The _____
- 3) The _____

3. THERE IS NO ONE _____ LIKE THE LORD (6:19-7:17)

- 1) The _____ at Beth-shemesh
- 2) The _____ taken to Kirath Jearim
- 3) The Israelites repent under _____ leadership.
- 4) God delivers the _____ from the Philistines under Samuel's leadership.

4. HOW SHOULD WE _____ TO THE HOLINESS OF THE LORD?

- 1) _____ (1 Sam. 7:2-4)
- 2) Live a holy life empowered by the _____
(1 Peter 1:15-16; Heb. 10:10, 14; Col. 3:12)

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. Read 1 Samuel 6 & 7 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. Why do the religious leaders of the Philistines suggest returning the ark of the Lord with a guilt offering?

8. Why does this offering consist of golden tumors and rats? Why five of each?

9. What lesson is drawn from the plagues which God sent upon Egypt?

10. Why do you think they take care to build a new cart and use yet unyoked cows to transport the ark?

11. What's the point of using two cows who had recently given birth and penning up their calves before hitching the cows to the cart and sending them off?

12. How were the Philistines to be assured that the God of Israel had intentionally brought the plague upon them and that it didn't happen by chance?

13. Why did the five rulers of the Philistines follow the cart and what did they observe?

14. How did the Israelites respond when the ark of the Lord was returned? Who took charge of it? Why?

15. Why were some Israelites killed for looking into the ark? What lesson was learned?

16. How did the people ultimately respond under Samuel after realizing the holiness of the Lord?

17. What then did God do on their behalf which He didn't do previously?

18. What does it mean to holy as God is holy?
(1 Pet. 1:15-16)