

## **Week 3 Sermon Outline**

Samuel's Calling

*1 Samuel 3*

1. People didn't expect to hear from God (vs 1-6)
  - a. Visions were rare – so why expect one?
  - b. Eli the priest didn't expect God to speak
  - c. Samuel didn't know God spoke, yet he responds every time
2. Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him (vs 7)
  - a. Do you know the Lord?
  - b. Has anyone ever revealed God's Word to you?
  - c. Step one is always salvation – a repentant commitment to God
3. Eli finally understood and taught Samuel how to respond. (vs 8-10)
  - a. Are you seeing that God may be speaking to someone else?
  - b. Teach them how to respond to God's Call
  - c. Verse 10, "Speak, for your servant is listening."
  - d. Isaiah 26:8, "Yes Lord" - The proper response when God is calling
4. Trust in God's calling and don't let His Words "fall to the ground" (vs 19)
  - a. Continue to grow in your faith
  - b. Grow in your relationship with God
  - c. Keep the calling and the message God has given you
  - d. Be faithful to serve and share about God starting now!

### **Response time** (Invitation)

Have you said yes to God?

## Prayer Prompts

1. Are you expecting to hear from God? Are people in your church expecting to hear from God? Pray for God to speak and for your church to have hearts to hear!
2. Pray for God to speak to and call out someone in your church.
3. Pray for God to prepare people to help disciple new believers and those that God is calling.
4. Pray that you and your church family would respond with “YES, LORD” anytime God calls.

## Reflection Questions

1. Are you expecting to hear from God?
2. Have you begun a walk with Jesus by trusting Him for salvation? If yes, then write down your God story.
3. Have you ever been discipled by someone who has been a believer for a while?
  - a. If yes, who was that?
  - b. If no, who is someone that you respect that you could ask to help you grow?
4. What is the proper response when you feel that God is speaking to you?
5. Lots of times people think they need to learn a lot more before they begin serving God. Yes we all need to keep learning, but you can also start serving God now in smaller ways.
  - a. What are some places in your church or community that you could start helping now?
6. What can you be praying about now that would help you grow and be faithful?

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