



Series: 1 Samuel
Week 3: The Word of the Lord

Questions

Ice-breaker question (to get people talking): Have you ever heard God speaking to you? If so, what did he say and how did it make you feel?

- 1) God spoke to Samuel, but Samuel did not recognise his voice. Is that true for you in your experience?
- 2) The story in 1 Samuel 3 is a story of transformation and power shifting, not simply a nice story about a little lad who comes to faith in God. The sermon discussed ways in which Samuel responded to the Word of the Lord. The first was, Samuel was willing to hear and participate.

Read Matthew 26:36-46

Here we have an explicit reference to someone else who was willing to work with God. Jesus knew what he had to do, like Samuel, the prospect of it was daunting.

When God calls us, how willing are we to participate in his mission to the world? Are there some things we simply will not do? If not, why not? Do you think God would call you to do something you were unable to do?

- 3) **Read Ephesians 6:1-3.**

This passage is address to Christian children. Samuel was not a Christian, obviously. However, he was obedient to the call upon his life. Similarly, as we saw with Jesus in Gethsemane, he was obedient to the call upon his life. Paul's call to Christian children is to obey their earthly parents. This applies spiritually too. We have a Heavenly Father whom we must obey. How obedient are we when he calls us? Do we do what he says when he calls us? Or do we procrastinate and leave it until it's too late?

Spend some time thinking about how we can obey when we're called.

- 4) God uses the most unsuspecting people to accomplish his plans. Do you think that God wants to use you? If not, why not?

Spend some time reading through Ephesians 2. This chapter is all about the grace of God to those he now calls saints. Talk together about how that grace gives everything we do not deserve and how that includes God wanting to use us for his glory.