

THE LORD WAS WITH SAMUEL

1 Samuel 3:1 – 4:22

Key Verse: 3:19

Discussion Questions

- How is the word of the Lord significant in Samuel's life?
- Why should we not treat our faith as superstition?

Inductive Questions

1. What does verse 1 tell us about spiritual condition of the times? Describe how the Lord called Samuel. (2-10) In what way should we be ready to listen to God's voice? (9)
2. What was the message the Lord gave to Samuel? (11-14) Why was this message might have been difficult for Samuel to share with Eli? (15-18; Mk 3:29) What can we learn from Samuel about how to share God's message?
3. What does it mean that the "Lord ... let none of Samuel's words fall to the ground"? (19) Why did all Israel recognize Samuel as a prophet? (20) How was the Lord with Samuel? (21)
4. With whom did Israel have a battle with? What was the result? Why did the people bring the Ark of the Lord and why was it unsuccessful? How did the Lord fulfill his will upon Eli's family?