

MAKE SURE YOU HEAR GOD'S VOICE

1 Samuel 28:3-24

Key verse: 6

Discussion questions:

- Have you had times when God seemed silent to you?
- How are you tempted to turn away from God when you don't feel his presence?
- How can we be sure God is speaking to us? (Jer 29:13; Jn 10:4,27)

Inductive study questions:

1. What is the spiritual condition of the nation of Israel? (3) What are the Philistines preparing to do? (4) Why does this terrify Saul? (5) How does Saul reveal his lack of patience and faithfulness in the Lord? (cf. 1 Ch 10:13-14)
2. Who does Saul go to meet? (8-10) Who is he disobeying? How is he disobeying his own command and God's command? (3b; Dt 18:10-11) Who did Saul want to speak with? (11) What comfort was Saul looking for in speaking with him? Why do you think the medium was surprised? (12) Why we should not have anything to do with such things? (Rev 21:8)
3. What reason does Samuel give for summoning Samuel? (15) What message does Samuel to Saul? (16-17) (Is it any different from what Samuel previously gave him in 1 Samuel 15:28?) What is God's consistent word to Saul? (18-19) Why?
4. What was Saul's reaction? (20) Why was he so overwhelmed? What righteous act should Saul have done? (Contrast this with David's heart in 1Sa 26:23-24.) How did others try to comfort Saul? (21-25)