

# searching for lost DONKEYS

(1 Samuel 9)

1. God uses mundane, interruptive, and problematic circumstances to accomplish the \_\_\_\_\_ . (Zechariah 4:10; Haggai 2:3-5; Matthew 25:34-39; Ephesians 5:16; Luke 16:10; Colossians 3:1-3)
2. Instead of worrying about where I need to go next, perhaps \_\_\_\_\_ is right where God wants me. (1 Samuel 7:17; 2 Peter 1:3; Galatians 2:20; Colossians 1:9-10; Jeremiah 17:7-8; 1 Corinthians 7:17a)
3. In all things, we should \_\_\_\_\_ others to God, while surrounding ourselves with those who will do the \_\_\_\_\_ for us. (John 1:40-42, 45; Mark 16:15-16; 2 Timothy 4:2; 1 Peter 4:10; Proverbs 11:14, 13:20, 27:17; 1 Corinthians 15:33; James 4:4; Hebrews 10:24-25)
4. Rest. In His plans for us, God's \_\_\_\_\_ is always perfect! (2 Peter 3:8-9; Proverbs 3:5-6; Habakkuk 2:3; Isaiah 40:31; Ecclesiastes 3:1; Acts 1:7; Galatians 4:4)
5. Wherever I find myself, God has gone \_\_\_\_\_ me. (Romans 8:28; Proverbs 16:9; Deuteronomy 31:8; Isaiah 45:2; Exodus 14:19; Psalm 139:5)
6. God will do 'all He can' to reveal \_\_\_\_\_ to me. (2 Timothy 3:16; Psalm 119:105; John 1:14, 5:39, 6:44; Luke 24:27, 44-45; 2 Peter 1:16-19; 1 Corinthians 2:10)



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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. What 'lost donkeys' have you set out to search for, only to see God move in ways you never expected? Describe a way God has used circumstances in your life to get you to a certain place or teach you a lesson.
3. Too often, we find ourselves fretting so much about where we *should* be / *should* go / *should* do - that we miss the reassurance that where we are might just be right where God wants us. (Saul was worried about where to go to find the donkeys, yet he was right where God wanted him.) In what reassuring ways has God recently confirmed to you that you are right where He wants you? What does this reassurance do for our hearts and minds?
4. In this chapter, what significant lesson(s) do we learn from Saul's unnamed servant? From Saul? From Samuel?
5. God revealed His plan to Samuel beforehand. In what ways does God reveal Himself to us and speak to us today?

