



Week Seven Family Discussion Questions (July 18-24)

- 1. This week, we backtrack a bit to learn about the young Samuel and, specifically, Eli, the priest whom Samuel served under. In the Old Testament, the role of a priest was to serve as a mediator between God and people. In other words, people would often approach God through the priest (e.g., think sacrifices), and the priest would speak to God on behalf of the people. The role of the priest was very important; however, even a great Israelite priest like Eli sinned against God.**
 - According to 1 Samuel 2:27-29, what were some of Eli's specific wrongs against the Lord?**
 - Read Hebrews 4:14-16. What makes Jesus a better, in fact, the best and only priest that we need?**

- **Bonus Question: Based on what we're learning, what is one reason we pray in Jesus' name?**

2. Most, if not all, of us have at least heard of the Ten Commandments. How many of them can you name without looking?

3. How many of the Ten Commandments have you broken? (Consider Jesus' words in Matthew 5:21-22.) Based on James 2:10, if you were to stand before God today would you be guilty of breaking His law, or innocent?

4. According to Romans 3:19-27, the purpose of the Law (which is summarized in the Ten Commandments) is to show us our sin. If our "good" works cannot save us (see Romans 3:12), what or Who is the only way for people to find salvation and have a restored relationship with God? (See Romans 3:23-24.)

This Week's Key Verse: Galatians 3:22

But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.