

## **Small Group Questions | February 12, 2023**

### **1 Samuel 4 | Glory Departed**

1. When the Philistines first defeat Israel, what question do the Israelite elders discuss among themselves? (v. 3) Why is it important, in times of trouble or difficulty, to ask what the Lord might be doing in our lives?
2. How do the Israelites try to solve their problem? (v. 3-4) What might their solution have been based on? Why was it nevertheless wrong? In what ways are we prone to taking matters into our own hands instead of trusting God?
3. The Israelites trusted in the ark as a kind of spiritual “good luck charm.” Are there any spiritual “good luck charms” we find ourselves trusting in? Why are these things a problem? What do they say about how we view God?
4. The wife of Phinehas memorably declared “the glory has departed from Israel” (v. 21-22). What made her say this? Was she thinking rightly or wrongly?