

1. Do people still worship idols in our day and time?
2. Why do you think God cuts off Dagon's head and arms?
3. Why is it significant that the ark of the covenant comes back to Israel without the Jewish people having to go back and retrieve it?
4. How can we strike a balance between two facts: that God is totally self-sufficient and that he graciously uses us in his service?*
5. Why does God judge the people in Beth-Shemesh? Does their decision to send the ark away as well reveal something about their attitude towards God?

* Question 4 taken from Dale Ralph Davis' commentary on 1st Samuel.