

Samuel – A Light in the Darkness

1 Samuel 3:1-21



Big Takeaway from Session 3

Everything is done before the Lord. Eli's sons could no more hide their sin than Samuel could conceal his light

I. The Making of a Samuel – Choosing Samuel

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

The Prologue

Words from the Lord were _____ (1 Samuel 3:1)

Where there is no revelation, people cast off restraint; but blessed is the one who heeds wisdom's instruction.

Proverbs 29:18

Into this period of darkness, God calls Samuel to be a shining beacon of _____ for his people

II. Calling Samuel

Eli – old, nearly blind is asleep in his _____

Samuel – probably about twelve, is _____

_____ near the Bread of the Presence and the Lamp of the Lord (Ex. 25:31-40)

The Lamp of the Lord was to have enough oil that it would burn from _____
_____ (Ex. 27:20-21; Lv. 24:1-4)

Samuel kept the Lamp of the Lord _____

Eli does not _____ the voice of the Lord

Indictment on his _____

or

He's just not _____

“Does not *know* the Lord, not a _____ of Samuel but a statement that the LORD had not yet directly _____ Himself to the boy

Blame Eli: Biblical Parenting 101

Give your kids _____ to _____ and
_____ the Gospel

With strike three looming, Eli finally realizes it is the LORD calling Samuel and tells the boy to
_____ to speak to him

_____: Getting their attention

Abraham (Genesis 22:11-13)

Jacob (Genesis 35:9-15; 46:1)

Moses (Exodus 3:4)

Martha (Luke 10:41)

Saul (Acts 9:4)

III. Equipping Samuel

God had a _____ for Samuel—he was going to be a prophet who brought the _____ of truth to Israel

Samuel's first truth bomb was going to be a _____ of the words spoken to Eli by the “man of God”

(1 Samuel 2:27-36)

IV. Sending Samuel

Samuel was less than excited to share the news with Eli, but he _____ the call of the LORD

Despite Eli not really deserving a ton of respect from Samuel, Samuel responds to Eli's call in the same way he responds to the LORD— _____

Eli finally _____ to the discipline of the LORD

All the other judges were regional deliverers, Samuel's ministry would be _____

The test of a _____ was that his words came true
(Deut. 18:17-21)

V. From Samuel to Today

The accusation of _____ is very relevant in our world

Holding (living by) a Biblical worldview on these issues is hard because it requires that we are _____ to a Holy God

Big Takeaway

We are living in a dark time where _____ is the norm rather than the exception. Like Samuel, we've been _____, _____, _____, and are _____ to be the LIGHT.

Question for Reflection:

Are you willing to _____ to the keep the Lamp of the Lord burning in this dark world?

Table Talk Ideas

1. Check in; how is everyone's week going? Anything for which we can pray?
2. How has God's Word in Samuel affected you over the last few weeks? Any conviction to change or do better?
3. What stuck out to you most in this section of Scripture?
4. Biblical Parenting: Are you giving your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, and other children with whom you have contact opportunities to know and understand the Gospel? What are you doing? Could you do more?

(Grandparent Summit – coming to CBC October 21-22; Equipping Classes for parents on Sunday Mornings, opportunities to serve in Children's Ministry abound in this church and all churches!)

5. There are a lot of false teachers in our world today with messages that sound Biblical but are lacking real truth; what filter do you use to determine if a person is truly speaking the words of the Lord as Samuel was?
6. Do you have any ideas how God is calling you to keep the lamp burning in this dark world?