

### **Open It!**

What is something that you have learned to recognize by sound alone?

### **Read It!**

1 Samuel 3:1-18

### **Discuss It!**

What does it mean that “the word of the Lord was rare in those days” (v.1)?

Why didn’t Samuel first recognize that the Lord was speaking to him (v. 7)?

Describe how Eli responded to Samuel’s repeated calls from God.

What did God reveal to Samuel about Eli’s leadership and family?

What does Eli’s response (v. 18) reveal about his character?

### **Live It!**

What can you do this week to help you better listen to God’s voice?

Is there someone in your life who is able to give spiritual discernment to what you may be hearing?

How can you better cultivate a willing heart to obey God when He speaks to you?

### **What is Required to Hear God When He Speaks to Us?**

1 Samuel 3:1-18  
Sunday, January 4, 2026

### **Sermon Question**

What is Required to Hear God When He Speaks to Us?

### **We Must Be Available to Listen**

*...Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!"*

1 Samuel 3:3-4 (ESV)

### **We Must Exercise Spiritual Discernment**

*And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy.*

1 Samuel 3:8 (ESV)

### **We Must Be Willing to Obey**

*And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears."*

1 Samuel 3:10 (ESV)

*So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him.*

1 Samuel 3:18 (ESV)