

THE YEAR OF THE BIBLE



Words that Never Fail

Icebreaker: What is your favorite genre of movie?

Read Together: 1 Samuel 1:11-17 (ESV), 1 Samuel 2:12 (ESV)

Hannah's Vow:

Discuss:

- Hannah vowed to give her child to the Lord in thanksgiving to God. Eli blesses her with a declaration that God gave her what she had asked for. Her heart was submitted to God.
- Eli's sons were worthless men, according to Scripture. They served in the house of the Lord but had wicked hearts.
- Compare and contrast the hearts of Eli's sons (Priests) and Hannah (a barren woman, commonly assumed to be the result of sin.)

Samuel Hears the Voice of the Lord:

Read Together: 1 Samuel 2:26 (ESV), 1 Samuel 3:1-21 (ESV)

Discuss:

- What were the ways that Samuel grew?
- What does it look like to grow in favor with God?
- What does it look like to grow in favor with Man?
- "The word of the Lord was rare in those days." What do you think that means?
- Why do you think God chose to speak to Samuel?
- Samuel told Eli what God said, even though sharing was probably scary for him. Have you ever known you had something to say but were scared to say it?

Divine Revelation “Hearing God’s Voice”

How Does God Speak Today?

1. **Logos**
 - The Bible

Discuss:

- What has God spoken to you this week through His word?

Read Together: 1 Peter 1:23-25 (NASB)

2. **Rhēma**
 - Spoken, revealed word.

Discuss:

- Have you experienced a Rhema word?

Whom Does God Speak To?

- Everyone - That means you too!
So often, people say they are in a dry place. God seems silent.

Five Reasons we may experience Silence with God.

1. **You don’t Recognize his voice, yet**
Read Together: 1 Samuel 3:7 (ESV)

2. **Ignoring His Voice**

Discuss:

- Can you think of an example of this in your own experience?

Read Together: Hebrews 3:7-8 (ESV)

3. **Hard Heartedness**

Discuss:

- What are some reasons we harden our hearts?
- **Disobedience produces hardness.**
- **Obedience produces sensitivity.**

4. **Fear**

Read Together: Psalms 105:16-21 (ESV), James 1:2-4 (ESV), 1 Peter 1:7 (NIV),

5. Tested by the Word

Discuss:

- Share with your group how God has shown you that your faith is genuine.

Read Together: Isaiah 55:10-11 (ESV)

Obey the Last Word!

Discuss:

- Will you ask God for a word from Him this week?
- Will you commit to obeying what He says?

Pray:

Father, we want to hear your voice. We want to follow you with the same courage Samuel did. Please fill us with all we need to seek your voice, listen to you, and then take steps to obey what you say. We need your power to equip us. Please speak to us and give us the courage to follow your direction. In Jesus' name, Amen