



**Life Group Study**  
**1 Samuel 1-4**

Samuel had been presented to serve God at Shiloh. Eli was raising Samuel. In this chapter, God spoke to Samuel for the first time. As you discuss this chapter, pay attention to the dynamics of the relationships between God and Samuel and also between Samuel and Eli.

**Read 1 Samuel 3**

- 1) How does verse one set the framework for understanding this passage?
  
- 2) How did Samuel respond to Eli? How did Samuel respond to God? How did Eli respond to Samuel and his message?
  
- 3) What would make this interaction difficult for Samuel and Eli? Why did their interaction go as well as it did?
  
- 4) How do you respond when you know you need to have a difficult conversation with someone? What principles are demonstrated in this passage that can help you know how to deal with that difficult situation?

5) How do you respond when someone speaks the truth to you and you don't like it? What made Eli's response so good? What truth is important to remember when you're hearing something you don't want to hear?

6) Pray for each other in regards to conflicts or difficult conversations that some people in your group may be dealing with. Ask God to empower each of you to handle these issues well.

Other Resources: Matthew 18:15-35, Ephesians 4:1-16, 1  
Thessalonians 5:12-22