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May 22, 2022

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- Start with what He's already _____

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- _____
- _____
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How do we discern God's voice?

- Does it line up with SCRIPTURE ?
- God often CONFIRMS His leading.
- Start with what He's already SAID

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God chose Samuel because he was...

- AVERAGE
- WILLING
- GRACIOUS

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- 1) This is God's COVENANT with us: Trust in Jesus, and you'll be saved!
- 2) Don't think that being SPIRITUAL will save you.

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- 3) We're not guaranteed a TOMORROW !

How are Samuel and Mary similar?

In what ways was Mary's life about to change?

In what way(s) would you most like to imitate Samuel or Mary?

TAKING IT HOME

- 6) Take a few minutes to pray and listen as you ask God, "What do you want me to do?" Or "How can I draw nearer to You?" What do you think God is leading you to do?
- 7) What counsel would you give a friend who is hesitant to obey God's Word/message to them?
- 8) Looking back at your notes and homework, what do you most need to remember or put into practice?

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ▶ Pray for the persecuted church in Nigeria.
- ▶
- ▶

Life Group Homework For the week of May 22, 2022

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- 1) This week we read how Israel tried to manipulate God by bringing the ark out to battle. What are some ways we try to manipulate God today? Do you have a personal example to share?

When people try to manipulate God, what does it reveal about them?

REVIEW

- 2) Looking back at your notes, what stood out to you from this week's message? (Favorite point? Questions? etc..)

DIGGING DEEPER

- 3) What stands out to you from the following passage?

John 2:13-22 - "[13] Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. [14] And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers doing business. [15] When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables. [16] And He said to those who sold doves, "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!" [17] Then His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your

house has eaten Me up." [18] So the Jews answered and said to Him, "What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?" [19] Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." [20] Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" [21] But He was speaking of the temple of His body. [22] Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said."

What similarities do you see between this passage and the story in 1 Samuel so far?

Why do you think the Jewish leaders *missed* Jesus, their Messiah, Whom they were waiting for?

What are some ways people might *miss* God and His salvation, today?

What can we do to protect ourselves from *missing* God or His purpose in our life?

4) In 1 Samuel, God allowed Israel's enemy, the Philistines, to defeat them and take the ark of the covenant away. In 70 AD, God allowed the Romans to defeat Israel and destroy the Temple in Jerusalem. Why do you think God

allowed these tragic events in Israel's history? How might God have used these events for good?

5) In 1 Samuel God spoke a message to Samuel. In the following passage, God gives a message to Mary through an angel. What is most notable about Mary's response?

Luke 1:26-38 - "*[26] Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, [27] to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. [28] And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" [29] But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. [30] Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. [31] "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. [32] "He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. [33] "And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." [34] Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" [35] And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. [36] "Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. [37] "For with God nothing will be impossible." [38] Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her."*