

LONGING FOR A KING



a study in 1 Samuel



Today's Worship Service

PRAISE

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness. (Psalm 29:2)

Call To Worship

John 15:15-16

“Who You Say I Am”

Fielding, Morgan

“Yours Is The Kingdom”

Poore, Stanbro

Welcome & Announcements

Josh Poore, Director of Worship Arts

New Member Introduction

RENEWAL

As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. (Psalm 103:12)

Prayer of Confession

Psalm 119:105

Assurance of Grace

John 1:14-17

“Sing Your Glory”

D'Acquisto, Leonard, Matheson, Poore

“Speak O Lord”

Getty, Townend

Offering

PROCLAMATION

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. (Psalm 25:4)

Reading of the Word

1 Samuel 3:1-4:1a

Amos Beernink

Reader: This is God's Word for us today.

All: Thanks be to God.

Preaching of the Word

Chris Amundson,
Director of Student Ministries

RESPONSE

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

(Psalm 63:3)

“Be Thou My Vision”

Byrne, Hull

Benediction

Chris Amundson

Sermon Review Discussion Questions

These questions are for *after* the sermon and can be used for Life Group discussion, one-to-one discipleship, or personal reflection and application.

Chapter three of 1st Samuel is a turning point in the book and, actually, a turning point in the history of Israel all together. The calling of Samuel is a gracious act of God on behalf of his people that brings them closer to God's establishment of his chosen king. This is a passage that shows us that the presence of God's word is essential for the thriving of his people.

Discussion Questions

1. Verse 1 tells us that 'the word of the Lord was rare in those days'. What does that mean? What might that look like in our current context? In our lives? In the church?
2. The Lord's word to Samuel in 3:11-14 is a difficult one and Samuel was fearful in delivering what God had told him to Eli. What does this tell us about the nature of God's word sometimes? What do you make of Eli's response to it? Is it an example of how we ought to respond?
3. This passage ends with a dramatic reversal from where it started. The word of the Lord was now prominent in Israel through the establishment of Samuel as a prophet. Share an example of where you have seen God's word bring new life into a situation.
4. The blessing of God's people is the presence of His word. If you were to honestly assess, what place does God's word have in your life? What place does God's word have in the life of our church? Give examples one way or the other.
5. Our willingness to hear and receive the God's word is ultimately a gracious work of the Lord. How does this affect the way we see ourselves? How does it affect the way that we pray? Spend time in prayer for one another.

In-Sermon Focus Questions

These questions are designed to keep you engaged during the sermon.

1. Why are the events of this chapter so important to Israel's history?
2. What does the place of their lying down in verses 2 and 3 tell us about Eli and Samuel? What is the author getting at when talking about the lamp of God having not yet gone out?
3. What are some of the possible reasons for why Eli didn't recognize what was happening right away when Samuel ran to him?
4. What does it mean in verse 10 when it says that "the Lord came and stood, calling as at other times"?
5. Became Samuel's role after The events of his calling? What did this mean for Israel?

Sermon Notes

Preacher: Chris Amundson, Director of Student Ministries

Sermon: A Glorious Turning Point

Scripture: 1 Samuel 3:1-4:1a

Date: February 17, 2019

For more information on this topic look into:

1&2 Samuel: A 12-Week Study. (Knowing the Bible series) by Ryan Kelly

1 Samuel For You by Tim Chester

1 Samuel: Looking on the Heart by Dale Ralph Davis

Next Week's Sermon Preparation

These questions are for personal use during the week to help you prepare for next week's passage, 1 Samuel 4:1b-22.

Context

1. What has happened so far in the narrative? Have there been any major events, characters, or themes?
2. What has happened just prior to the section you are reading?

Observation

1. What do you learn about the main characters in this section? How does the author describe them? How do they describe themselves?
2. Is time or place significant in the events that happen in the passage?
3. Is there a conflict or high point in the passage?
4. Do you think there is a main point or theme in this section of the story?
5. What surprises are there?

Meaning

1. Are there any 'editorial' comments from the author about the events in the narrative? How do these comments illuminate what is happening?
2. Does someone in the narrative learn something or grow in some way? How? What does this person learn?
3. How does the passage point forward to what God is going to do in the future? Does it prophesy or anticipate Jesus Christ in some way?
4. How could you sum up the meaning of this passage in your own words?

Application

1. How does this passage challenge your understanding about who God is and what he is like?
2. Is there some attitude you need to change?

Adapted from: *One to One Bible Reading, A Simple Guide for Every Christian*
by David Helm (Available at the Grace Book Cart)

Village Creek Bible Camp

Upcoming retreats & camps!

Stop by and see Camie at the table in the commons to learn more about what's coming up at Village Creek Bible Camp!

Visit villagecreek.net to register for retreats & camps!

Retreats

Couples Retreat	March 15 - 17
Scrapbooking, Crafting & Women's Retreat	March 29 - 31
Men & Boys Retreat	April 5 - 7
The Pen & Page Retreat	April 5 - 7
Men's Retreat	April 12 - 14
Women & Girls Retreat	April 26 - 28

Summer Camps

Grades 3 - 6 (<i>Junior Camp 1</i>)	June 2 - 8
Grades 7 - 10 (<i>Teen Camp 1</i>)	June 9 - 15
Grades 9 - 2019 grads (<i>Senior High Camp</i>)	June 16 - 22
Grades 7 - 10 (<i>Teen Camp 2</i>)	June 21 - 27
Grades 3 - 6 (<i>Junior Camp 2</i>)	June 23 - 29
Grades 7 - 11 Girls (<i>Volleyball Camp</i>)	July 7 - 13
Grades 6 - 8 (<i>Middle School Camp</i>)	July 7 - 13
Grades 5 - 8 (<i>Soccer Camp</i>)	July 21 - 27
Grades 3 - 6 (<i>Junior Camp 3</i>)	August 4 - 10

Women's Communita & Coffee

Saturday, March 2nd, 9am - 11am

Please mark your calendars and bring your Bible and a friend to Grace for our March women's gathering. Rachel Menke will be sharing with us what God's Word says is our number one priority as women. Join us for a morning of food, singing, teaching, and conversation around the Word of God.

Awana News

March 16th, 2019, The Regional Awana Games and Sparks-A-Rama are just around the corner. Union Grove High School SPARKS – 10:00am T&T Noon. Register at information center.

Membership & Baptism Class

- Meets: Saturday, March 23rd, 9-Noon
- Next Baptism Opportunity: Sunday, April 14th
- Register at graceinracine.com

Prayer Gathering

February 24th at 5:05pm!

First, we will join in the commons for a meal (sandwich bar).

Last names beginning with bring:

A-I: Bread & Topping (*Buns, French Bread, or sliced bread PLUS a favorite sandwich topping such as sliced tomato, shredded lettuce, etc.*)

J-Q: Chips or Pasta/Potato Salad

R-Z: Cookies or bars (*no nuts please*)

After the meal, we'll move to the sanctuary to pray together.

If you won't be joining us for the meal, please come for the fellowship or meet us in the sanctuary by 6:00pm

Grace Kids

Looking for extra volunteers this month to fill just one week in March (any age group) with no long term commitment required. Please help us out by serving our little ones and their families. Sign up at the info center after the service or call or email Rachel this week for more information!

rmenke@graceinracine.com

Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged: Jack Bell, Sam Brock (teen), Sandy Rast, Bo Gaal, Charlie Sytsma

Our heartfelt love, sympathy and prayers to Sandra Shove on the passing of her husband, Greg.

Last Week: Sanctuary Attendance: 578 Children's Ministry Attendance: 114

Giving: Last Week: \$24,448 YTD: \$181,341 +/- Budget: \$5,753