

# BIBLICAL CHARACTERS

Their stories and what we can learn from them

*Study Guide - Samuel*

Samuel's ministry was one of a Prophet, but he also fulfilled other roles. What were some of his other functions?

What strikes you most about Samuel?

1 Samuel 3:1 tells us that the Word of the Lord was precious (unusual) in those days. Why was this?

What would you say it is like in our time?

How does God speak to us?

Samuel was faithful in telling Eli the first words God had spoken to him. This would have been very difficult for a young boy but he did as the Lord said.

Have you ever sensed God asking you to say or do something out of your comfort zone? What was your response and what was the outcome?

In considering listening and obeying what is more difficult for you?

1 Samuel 8:7 describes how the people wanted a king like the other nations. This really was a rejection of God. What are some things we currently look to instead of God?

A verse that represents the age is Judges 21:25

*"all the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes"*

What do you see in our age that is similar?

Where do you need to raise an Ebenezer?

In 1 Samuel 12:23-24 Samuel says to the people:

*"As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by failing to pray for you. And I will teach you the way that is good and right. But be sure to fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you."*

Follow Samuel's example and pray for one another.