



Community Group Discussion Guide

1 Samuel Synopsis

1 SAMUEL 1-2: THE FAITHFULNESS OF HANNAH VS ELI AND HIS SONS

- 1 Samuel 1:1-28: The birth of Samuel to Hannah and Elkanah.
- 1 Samuel 2:1-36: Hannah's prayer; Eli's worthless sons; Eli's rebuke of his sons; God rejects Eli's household.

1 SAMUEL 3: THE CALL OF SAMUEL

- 1 Samuel 3:1-21: The Lord calls Samuel.

1 SAMUEL 4-7: THE MOVEMENT OF THE ARK

- 1 Samuel 4:1-22: The Philistines capture the ark; death of Eli and his sons; Ichabod is born.
- 1 Samuel 5:1-12: The Philistines in Ashdod; their god, Dagon, and the ark of the covenant; ark gets sent to Gath, then Ekron, then back to the Israelites.
- 1 Samuel 6:1-21: The ark returned to Israel—ends up in the field of Joshua of Beth-shemesh; inhabitants of Kiriath-jearim are asked to come and get the ark.
- 1 Samuel 7:1-17: Ark stays at Kiriath-jearim for 20 years; Samuel judges Israel; Israelites subdue Philistines; Samuel's Ebenezer stone.

1 SAMUEL 8-11: THE CALL FOR A KING – THE SELECTION OF SAUL

- 1 Samuel 8:1-22: Israel demands a king; Samuel's warnings against having a king; God grants a king.
- 1 Samuel 9:1-27: Saul chosen to be king.
- 1 Samuel 10:1-27: Saul anointed king; Saul proclaimed as king.
- 1 Samuel 11:1-15: Saul defeats the Ammonites; Saul renewed as king.

1 SAMUEL 12-15: THE DISOBEDIENCE OF SAUL

- 1 Samuel 12:1-25: Samuel's farewell address.
- 1 Samuel 13:1-23: Saul fights the Philistines; Saul's unlawful sacrifice.
- 1 Samuel 14:1-52: Jonathan defeats the Philistines; Saul's rash vow; Saul fights Israel's enemies.
- 1 Samuel 15:1-35: God rejects Saul over Agag and the Amalekites; Samuel foretells of Saul's replacement.

1 SAMUEL 16-17: THE HEART AND CALL OF DAVID

- 1 Samuel 16:1-23: David anointed king; David in Saul's service.
- 1 Samuel 17:1-58: David and Goliath.

1 SAMUEL 18-20: DAVID AND JONATHAN

- 1 Samuel 18:1-30: David and Jonathan's friendship; Saul's jealousy of David; David marries Michal.
- 1 Samuel 19:1-24: Saul tries to kill David; Saul speaks prophecy before Samuel.
- 1 Samuel 20:1-42: Jonathan warns David.

1 SAMUEL 21-26: DAVID, THE FUGITIVE FROM SAUL

- 1 Samuel 21:1-15: On the run, David eats the holy bread in front of the priest Ahimelech; David flees to Gath, to King Achish.
- 1 Samuel 22:1-23: David in the cave of Adullam; Saul kills the priests at Nob; Abiathar escapes and runs to David.
- 1 Samuel 23:1-29: David saves Keilah from the Philistines; hearing that Saul is coming there to kill him, David and his men escape to the wilderness; God protects David from Saul; Saul pursues David.
- 1 Samuel 24:1-22: David spares Saul's life.
- 1 Samuel 25:1-44: Death of Samuel; David and Abigail.
- 1 Samuel 26:1-25: David spares Saul's life again.

1 SAMUEL 27-31: THE DEATH OF SAUL AND JONATHAN

- 1 Samuel 27:1-12: David flees to the Philistines.
- 1 Samuel 28:1-25: Saul and the witch of Endor conjure up Samuel.
- 1 Samuel 29:1-11: The Philistines reject David.
- 1 Samuel 30:1-31: David's wives are captured; David defeats the Amalekites.
- 1 Samuel 31:1-13: Saul and Jonathan die in battle.