

Day One: 1 Samuel 3

- Set the scene of this text (1-3). Contemplate this season of very few divine words and visions. How does it make you feel? Explain the boy Samuel's misunderstanding (4-8). How did Eli help clear up the matter (9)? Samuel made himself totally available to the Lord and Eli helped him get in touch with God's voice. What are some ways you can do both: be more available to the Lord and better discern his voice? Pray both would come to pass.
- What happened next (10)? This week, try posturing yourself before God as Samuel did. Each morning, pray, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Jot down any impressions you get and respond to God's continual leading throughout the day.
- What did the Lord tell Samuel (11-14)? Describe the next morning (15). Summarize Samuel's conversation with Eli (16-18). How did Samuel's life unfold (19-21)? How much practice do you think it took for Samuel to be rightfully known as a "prophet of the Lord"?

Day Two: John 4:4-26

- Describe the setting and Jesus' state (4-6). Who approached the well, and what did Jesus say to her (7)? What was the woman's initial response (9)? She focused on the material; what was Jesus' focus (10-12)? What did he say about "living water" (13-14)? What is your initial response to Jesus crossing these boundaries of culture, sex and geography in order to spread the Good News?
- What did the woman want from Jesus (15)? Describe how Jesus then "read her mail" (16-20). This is atmosphere-changing "power evangelism." Pray you'd get to partner with the Holy Spirit like this; look for opportunities throughout each day.
- Describe Jesus' gracious response to the woman's theological concern (21-24). What did she bring up next (25)? What did he ultimately reveal to her (26)? This story culminates in Jesus revealing his true identity to a Samaritan woman. God is a boundary-breaker! May it be so for you as well.

Day Three: Acts 1:1-11

- What did Luke previously write about (1-2)? Describe Jesus' interactions with the apostles after he rose from the dead (3). Set the scene of this particular occasion (4). What was Jesus' command to the apostles (4-5)? What did the men think this might mean (6)? How did Jesus respond to their inquiry (7-8)? In what ways is the Holy Spirit like a gift promised to you?
- Meditate on verse 8. Picture Jesus speaking this promise directly to you. How does this make you feel? Recall your experiences of receiving "power when the Holy Spirit comes on you." Pray this classic prayer: "More, Lord!" How else do you want to experience the Spirit, especially in regard to witnessing to others?
- What happened next (9-11)? Imagine how the apostles processed each aspect of this encounter: Jesus' words, his ascension and the angelic message. What were their ensuing conversations like?

Day Four: Galatians 3:26-29

- What is the gateway to becoming a child of God (26-27)? Sum this up in your own words. This is one of the most defining aspects of Christian identity: we are children of God. Take some time now to say thank you to Jesus for this new identity. Pray the Holy

Spirit would open your eyes to those drawn to this identity, and may he give you words to speak to them.

- Describe the boundary-breaking that happens as God forms his family (28). What Old Testament connection does Paul make here (29)? What does it mean to you to be the Lord's heir alongside people who are very different from you?
- In a time when only oldest sons were heirs, it was controversial to call Gentiles, slaves and women heirs. Paul's not telling us to be colorblind or anything of that sort; he's telling us God desires for *everyone* to inherit his salvation. Pray the Holy Spirit would use you, even if it requires some stretching, to fulfill God's desire.

Day Five: 1 John 5:1-12

- Writing on Christian faith, John weaves together the topics of God, Jesus, water, blood, the Holy Spirit, obedience, belief and life. Summarize his remarks in verses 1-5. For you, are God's commands not burdensome? Have you overcome the world? Speak to the Lord about how this text aligns with your life.
- How did Jesus come to us (6)? What does "by water and blood" mean? In addition to the water and blood, what person testifies to us about Jesus, and what is special about this testimony (6-9)? What does it mean to accept it (10, 12)? What does it mean to reject it (10, 12)? How does John sum up the testimony (11)?
- Re-read John's words about the Holy Spirit in verses 6-9. Reflect on your own conversion experience. Looking back, how was the Spirit at work? How was he testifying to your heart the truth about Jesus? Without the Holy Spirit, could anyone accept Christ? Pray you'd faithfully recognize the Spirit's critical role in evangelism.