

## The Invitation to Leadership

1 Samuel 2:12–3:21

April 26/27

Icebreaker: Describe a time when you heard or sensed clear direction—whether from God, a mentor, or even a strong inner prompting. How did you respond?

Read 1 Samuel 2:12–3:21

### Discussion Questions:

1. How are Eli's sons described in 2:12-17? What stands out to you about their attitude and actions? How does this contrast with Samuel?  
In 2:22-25, Eli confronts his sons. What do you think about his response? Was it enough? Why or why not?
  2. Read 1 Samuel 3:1–10. What do you notice about how God calls Samuel? What might this teach us about hearing God's voice?
  3. Lance summarized the difference between people God partners with and people God simply uses (see teaching notes). How does willingness play into partnering with God?
  4. How does Samuel respond when he finally realizes it's the Lord speaking (v.10)? How can we posture ourselves to be ready to hear from God?
  5. In verses 11–18, God gives Samuel a hard message. What do you think it took for Samuel to deliver it? Have you ever had to speak truth that was difficult?
  6. By the end of chapter 3, how is Samuel described (v.19–21)? What does this suggest about his growth and the beginnings of his leadership?
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### Reflection/Application:

- What do you think about the idea of God speaking directly to us? What does His voice or instruction feel or sound like to you? How do you know it's God?
- Where are you currently learning to listen for God's voice?

Pray for one another.

