

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, January 17, 2021 (Epiphany 2)

1 Samuel 3:1-20

Discussion Starters

1. Why is the Lord angry with Eli? How has Eli failed to repent?
2. If you had been Samuel, how would you have felt about hearing and relating this message? If you had been Eli, how would you have felt about being told what God was about to do?
3. How do you listen for the voice of God?
4. Why do you think there were few visions and words from the Lord in those days?
5. What does it mean that Samuel let none of God's words "fall to the ground" (v. 19)?
6. What had Eli's sons done that cause God to be so angry?

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Discussion Starters

1. Some of the Corinthians believed that what they did in the flesh had no bearing on their spiritual lives. How would you respond to that?
2. What is the difference between something that is "permissible" and something that is "beneficial" when it comes to spiritual matters?
3. How does one decide what is and is not "permissible" or "beneficial?"
4. What is Paul's point in his illustration about the prostitute?
5. What does it mean that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit?

John 1:43-51

Discussion Starters

1. What type of person is Nathaniel? Why might he find it hard to believe Philip's statement?
2. Look back over the people Jesus called in verses 35-48. How was each contact made? How much did each person know about Jesus before they decided to follow Him? What does this teach you?
3. How do you think Nathaniel felt when Jesus spoke to him? Why did Jesus' words cause Nathaniel to believe?
4. Why was Nathaniel skeptical of Jesus at first?

WRAP UP

What key insight did you gain from this Bible study? How might it make a difference in how you live today?