



1 Samuel 3:1-10 The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli. In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions.

2 One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. 3 The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the Lord, where the ark of God was. 4 Then the Lord called Samuel.

Samuel answered, "Here I am." 5 And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down. 6 Again the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." "My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down."

7 Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. 8 A third time the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. 9 So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

10 The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Icebreaker

Tell about someone who when they speak you make sure to listen.

Conversation Starters

Have someone read 1 Samuel 3: 1-10

1. Do you believe God is a communicating God who speaks to people? Why or why not?
2. Has someone ever abused the idea that God "told" them something? Tell the group your story.
3. Have you ever sensed God communicating to you? What was that experience like?
4. What questions do you have about how God speaks?
5. What do you think of the idea of using the Bible to help you hear the voice of God?
6. How comfortable are you with silence? How has this Coronavirus self-isolating changed the amount of silence in your life? How do you feel about that?
7. What is one thing you might do this week to open yourself up to the concept of hearing from God through prayer?