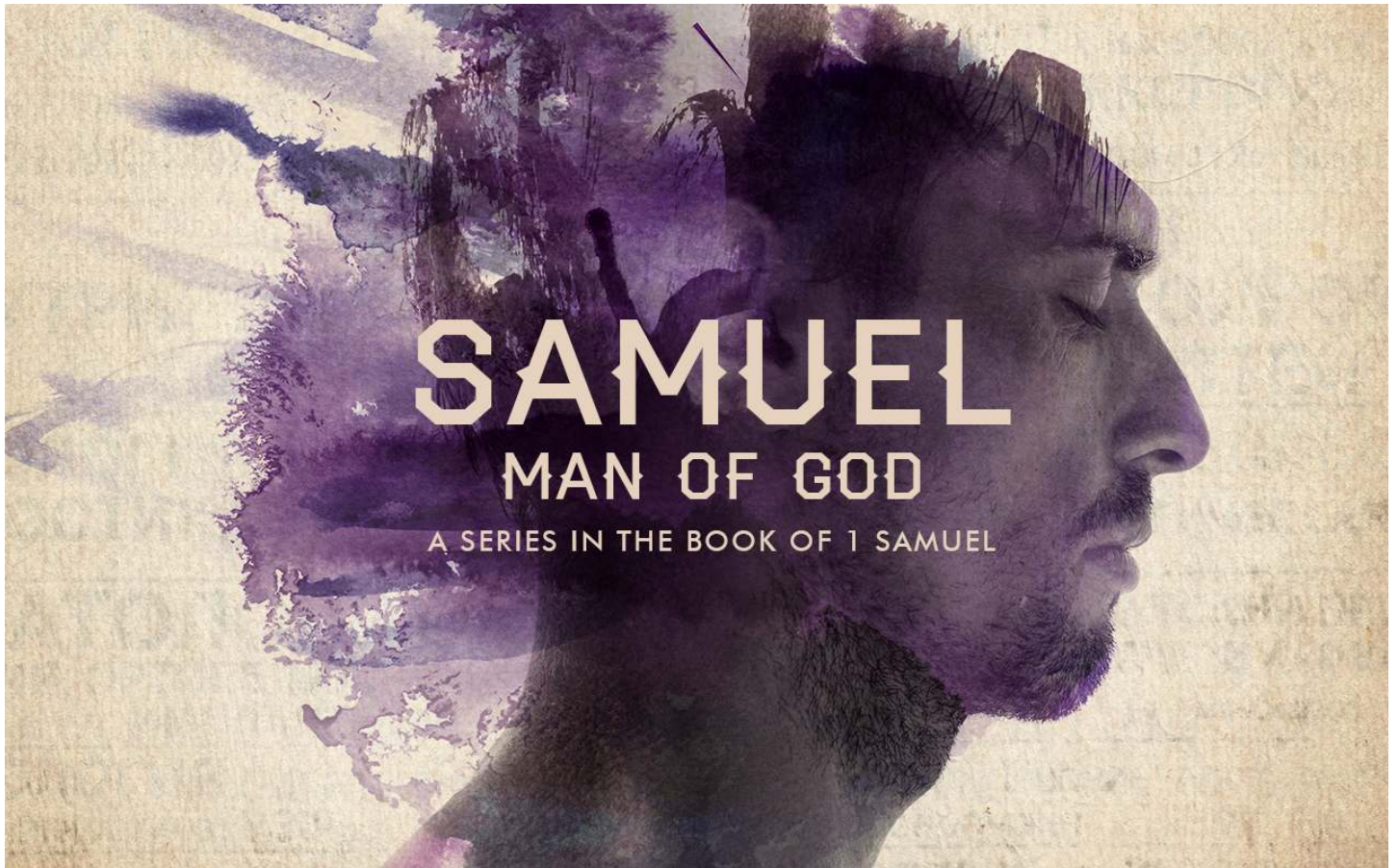


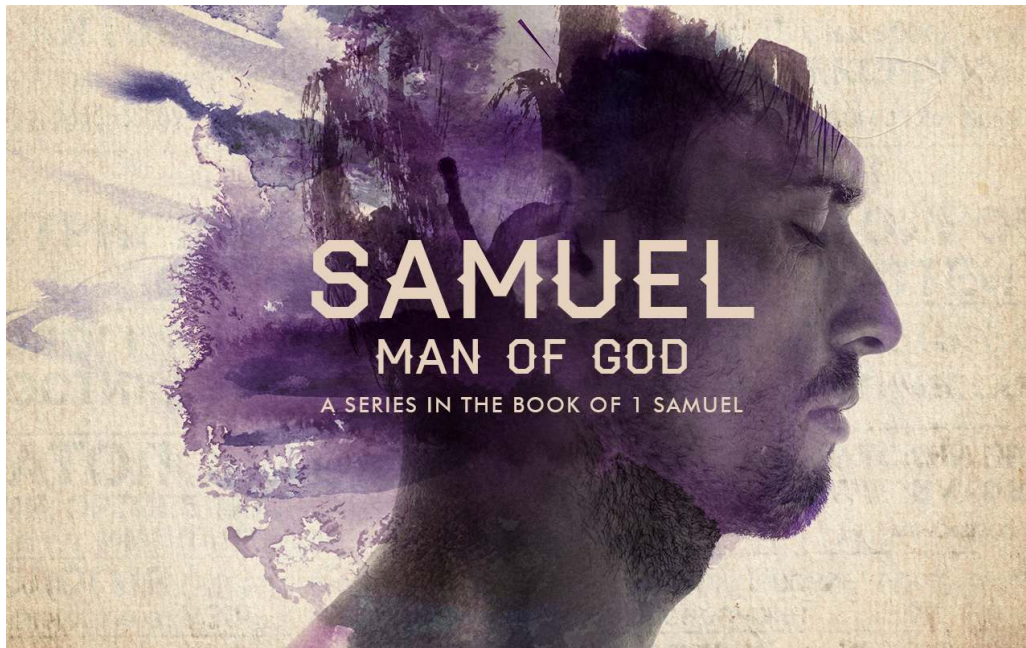
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growth groups booklet term 1 2015

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The book of 1 Samuel gives an account of a very challenging part of Israel's history, and looks at a time of great change within the nation of Israel. God is intimately involved with his people throughout this entire time, and as we look at some of the events and situations that arise we will learn (and have reinforced) many things about the character and nature of our awesome God.

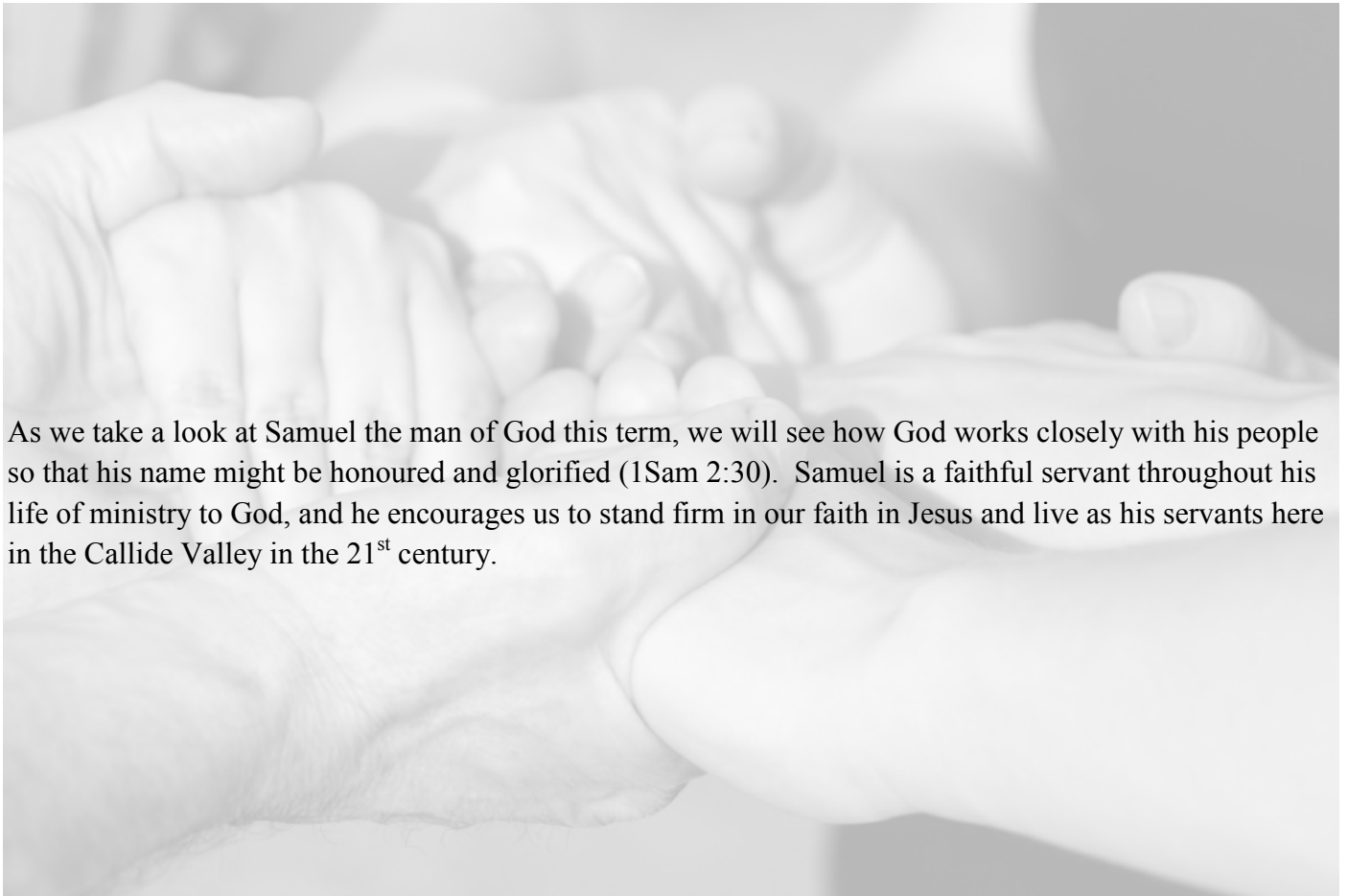
We are going to see how the nation transitions from the time of the judges of Israel, to the time of the kings. As well as the change in the leadership, there will also be a change in the priesthood. We are going to see how God raises up for himself a faithful servant who is prepared to do God's will, rather than follow the desires of his own heart. For this reason Samuel is listed among the people of faith in Hebrews chapter 11. At the beginning of that chapter we are told:

^{NIV} Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

In term 1, we are going to see how this plays out in Samuel's life. We'll also see how his example can encourage us in our own faith.

I'm excited about studying 1 Samuel and I hope you are too!

Andrew.



As we take a look at Samuel the man of God this term, we will see how God works closely with his people so that his name might be honoured and glorified (1Sam 2:30). Samuel is a faithful servant throughout his life of ministry to God, and he encourages us to stand firm in our faith in Jesus and live as his servants here in the Callide Valley in the 21st century.

...about this study booklet...

- the studies in this booklet link into the sermon series at church (the dates of the talks are listed on the front cover), with each study following the talk by the same title. This approach enables group time to be spent digging deeper into the Bible text and to discuss issues or questions raised by the talk. Importantly, it also enables your group to have a strong focus upon application, sharing, accountability and prayer. Our groups are not just about information but transformation.
- we aim to provide a copy of this study booklet to every regular attender at church whether you've been with us for only a few weeks or for many years. We would love everyone to be involved in one of our Growth Groups and do the studies in that context. You can read more about the groups and find out how to get involved in one in the coming weeks at church.
- If you are presently unable to be part of one of our Growth Groups we hope you will still be able to set aside time to work through the weekly studies. And we would also like to link you to a Growth Group as a point of contact in times of need. The group can also pray for you and look out for you. In a growing church having all our regular attenders in a Growth Group, or at least linked to one in this way, is a key way we can care for everyone involved.
- You will notice as you look through the opening pages that there is a lot more to this booklet than the studies alone. It is also a key way, each term, you can find out more about what is happening across our various church ministries. This helps us all not only stay informed but also able to pray meaningfully for the ministries and life of our church family. Some of the prayer points in each study will refer you back to the various ministry articles for that reason.

**"There is no one holy like the LORD;
there is no one besides you;
there is no Rock like our God."**

NIV 1 Samuel 2:2

It takes about one hour to read through 1Samuel 1-15. Doing that would be a great exercise in preparation for our series "**Samuel - Man of God**". Here are some questions to think about as you read...

1. What are the key turning points in Israel's history through these chapters?
2. What does this book reveal about the character of God?
3. What are some of the key words and themes that come up in 1Samuel? How do these compare with what you know of other Old Testament books?
4. How would you summarise 1Samuel 1-15 in a sentence or two?
5. What challenges/encouragements does 1Samuel offer us living as Christians today?


young adults

If you're between 17 and 35 and want to spend time with other young Christians in Biloela come and check out a ministry called **Cross Connect**. We'll be meeting every Sunday evening of term 1, and opening the bible with other young Christians from around the Callide Valley.

This term we will be meeting at 11 Raglan Street (house of Pastor John Spranklin), from 7pm each Sunday night. If you are a young adult looking for Christian fellowship, then this is for you! Please be sure to let us know if you need a lift to and from 'Cross Connect' and we will try and sort out some transport arrangements for you.

We hope you can join us for another encouraging term as we study Proverbs together. Over the course of term 1 we will seek to develop a better understanding of the book of Proverbs and what it teaches about wisdom for life. This will help us to understand more about the plans God has for each one of us, and see how he calls us to live as His people.

Andrew.



CROSS CONNECT

An inter-church group connecting Christian young adults from across Biloela

Bible study
Sunday nights 7-9pm
11 Raglan St, Biloela
TERM 1: Proverbs - Beginning of Wisdom

Kick Off BBQ 6pm Sunday
1st February, Bring \$5.

John Spranklin - 0427 873 915 Andrew Purcell - 0439 510 500

getting more out of your studies

- **READ** the relevant passage before the Sunday talk (and look through the investigate questions). Wrestling with God's Word for yourself before hearing the talk will help you to get much more out of it.
- **PREPARE** the study questions before your Growth Group meeting. You'll be in a better position to serve others in your group through thoughtful contributions. If everyone in the group prepares in this way, it will be easier to dig deeper, and to devote more time to application and prayer.
- **PRAY** for those teaching the Word; for those leading groups; for other members of your group; and for yourself—that your attitude will be focused on serving others, and growing in knowledge and love of Jesus our Lord.



kick off
this question just gets us talking about the broad subject of the study before we see what God's word says about it.



key verse
it's helpful to find one verse that sums up the whole passage we're looking at. Try memorising some of these verses through the term.



big idea
gives a 'ballpark' sense of the focus of the study—to keep us on track. It's great to get into the detail, but we also want to pull it all together.



investigate
draws out what the Bible text is actually saying. Stay looking at the Bible as you answer them, and refer to verses in your answer.



digging deeper
gives you the chance to chase up the big idea in other parts of the Bible, especially if your group prepares ahead and covers the main set passage faster.



think & apply
is where the rubber hits the road: applying it to our lives. Doing studies linked to the Sunday talks allows more time to be devoted to this vital step.



training
is an opportunity to re-inforce what we have learnt in the study through various practical exercises. Don't be afraid to have some fun and give it a go.



prayer
is a key part of how we respond to listening to God in his word together—by talking to him together. It's a key part of our ministry to each other.



church events
reminds us that we're part of a church family, and that there are many other opportunities to meet together and spur one another on in following Jesus.



family discussion
provides a question for a family to discuss together—and an opportunity to share with our children what we are learning—ideal for Monday morning breakfast.



reading ahead
gives you a reminder of what's coming up next week. You'll serve your group well by preparing for the study. For study 1 read 1 Samuel chapter 1.

your growth group

your Growth Group is a place where you get to:

- connect significantly with a regular group of friends
- grow in Christian faith and love; and
- serve one another in word and action

... of course, the key ingredient in all that happening... is being there! But that's only the first step. A helpful small group member is one who:

- prepares the study beforehand;
- shares their answers as well as their life; and
- listens thoughtfully and actively to what others have to say

How about committing yourself to the other members of your group by being there each week and doing these three crucial things?

your leaders

your small group leaders are appointed each year by the Session. They are carefully chosen to lead Growth Groups, because first and foremost, they care about your progress as a growing follower of Jesus. We're also confident that they care about working hard at understanding and applying God's word to their own lives. They take part in Leaders Meetings throughout the year, previewing the studies, being equipped for their role, and giving feedback on how each group is travelling. Leaders will also seek pastoral input from our Session when they feel they need advice in how to best care for group members in particular situations. Please value and care for your leaders as they care for you!

Keep these words in mind from Hebrews 13:17...

Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith... Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.

We encourage everyone from Callide Valley to consider joining a Growth Group. If you would like to find out more please contact Andrew Purcell on 0439 510 500 or Ian Wilkie on 0407 156 543.

Our Elders

Our Elders meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month. They are responsible for the spiritual health and wellbeing of our congregations here in the Callide Valley.

Our Elders are:

Ivan Shepherdson (07) 4992 2084

Ian Wilkie (07) 4992 5559

Phillip Wilkie (07) 4992 1716

John Semgreen (07) 4996 5215

Ivan is also our Session Clerk.

It is our plan to have one of our elders be in regular contact with you through the course of the year to support you and your family in your Christian walk.

Our Minister

2015 will be the third year of ministry in the Callide Valley for our minister Andrew Purcell. Andrew completed his studies in 2012 at the Queensland Theological College (QTC). Andrew is married to Kerri and has four children—John, Mark, Timothy and Claire.



committee of management

The Committee of Management (CoM) is a ministry that consists of a team of dedicated members of the congregation who manage the daily operations of the Church. The primary function of the CoM is to manage, in a responsible manner, the financial and property aspects of the church. This includes preparing annual budgets and financial statements of the church and managing the ongoing maintenance of the church building and grounds including the Pelican Point campsite. Our team for 2015 will be elected at our Annual Congregational Meeting to be held on Sunday 22nd February 2014.

Last Year's Committee was made up of...

Gavin Warmington (Secretary)

Ivan Shepherdson

John Semgreen

Raymond Wilkie

Greg Holzhauser

Alex Mathieson

Bill Setch

Karen Hutton

Lyn Wilkie

Daniel Boal

Jason Dunne (Treasurer)

Andrew Purcell

The Committee really does need the support of the congregation throughout the year to perform its duties well. We believe that the congregation can really support one another by having a giving heart, with both time and money, to see us work to our potential.

We all have a role to play, we are a team and a family. Whether you are the Minister, member of the session, member of the management committee, music team, or congregation member, we all have a role that we can play.

Our church has an immense capacity, but it also needs the finances and willing workers to support it. Do you want to be part of that?



my giving @ Callide Valley?

We all know the theory: that we should give money to support God's work in our local church, and further afield. This issue arises over and over again through Mark's gospel, with Jesus' challenge to "deny ourselves" and to "take up or cross" (Mark 8:34). It is a challenge to value eternal things above earthly things, and to put all we have, including our money into service of the Lord Jesus. The aim of these couple of pages is to help you work out what this means in practice. It will help you to evaluate (or re-evaluate):

1. the amount you would like to give, based on biblical principles
2. where you would like this amount to be directed;
3. the mechanics of how you would like this to happen.

step 1: how much to give?

the principle

In the *OLD TESTAMENT*, God's people gave a tenth of all their produce to God in response to his generous blessings to them ('the tithe'). The idea of giving a tenth is first seen in Abraham and Jacob (Genesis 14, 28), and is then spelt out in the Law of Moses. It was to be given generously with much rejoicing, not legalistically or begrudgingly (Numbers 18; Deuteronomy 12, 14 & 26; 2 Chronicles 31; Malachi 3). Having received the tithe from Israel, God then redirects it to his work: to the priests and Levites, as well as to those in need, such as widows and orphans.

As *New Testament* believers, we are still to give back to God in response to his generous blessings. Indeed, we have received God's ultimate generosity to us in the death of his Son, who though he was rich, yet for our sakes became poor, so that through his poverty we might become rich (2 Corinthians 8:9). If we truly understand this gospel, we will cheerfully give as much as we can, and even beyond our ability (2 Corinthians chapters 8 & 9)!

So how much should we give to God? A tenth is a good *STARTING POINT*, but it should be the starting point for considering how generous we can be, rather than a legalistic figure we must limit ourselves to. The more fundamental question to ponder is: how much have we received from God?

in practice

- work out how much money you have to start with (your income)
- prayerfully consider how much you would like to set aside from this amount to give (as a weekly amount).
- this process of working out how much to give will of course need to be repeated each year or so, or as your income changes.

step 2: to whom to give?

the principle

In the *OLD TESTAMENT*, the Israelite tithe was directed by God to those who needed it: to the priests & Levites who had no other source of income because of their duties, and to the poor.

We see a similar pattern in the *NEW TESTAMENT*, where Christian giving is directed to meeting the needs of those who labour amongst us in the Lord, as well as towards the poor. As Paul puts it in Galatians 6: "anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor" and: "as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers".

in practice

In practical terms, this means directing our money not only towards Callide Valley, but to the work of the gospel further afield (e.g. the Bible Society), and to the poor (e.g. TEAR fund). It is exciting however that already part of our giving is redirected beyond ourselves to world mission. As you give week by week you are supporting our gospel mission both locally and overseas.

Callide Valley

The ministry of the Biloela and Jambin Presbyterian Churches is funded from our regular giving week by week, and a large proportion of our gift should go towards supporting this ministry. We'll leave you to work out the details of what a 'large proportion' might mean in practice. This giving supports all our work of the gospel, including:

- our minister and his family
- our ministries to men, women, young adults, youth and children
- our supported missionaries (including PIM)
- production of calendars, directories, bible study material, etc
- our ministry facilities (including upkeep of Pelican Point)



step 3: how to give?

Commit yourself to being consistent in giving the amount you worked out in Step 1 through the weekly collection at church or, if possible, through electronic giving...

electronic giving

Electronic giving is a wonderful way to not only decide upon a generous figure to give each week but to be consistent in following through on that decision of generosity, as the funds are consistently given week by week. Please see below for the account details.

envelopes

- the envelopes work on a weekly basis & are anonymous
- weekly giving envelopes will be distributed each term (simply return them if you give electronically).

Our generosity through weekly giving is how we grow present ministries and start future ministries. At Callide Valley, we approach our church finances from the point of view of not wanting to get bogged down in fundraising activities, and not having lots of separate charges (e.g. for tea & coffee, bible study material, kids ministry materials, etc). Instead, we support and grow our ministries simply through our weekly giving. This means we rely on the generosity of our regulars week by week to support and grow our ministries. Please prayerfully consider your role in this.

We have received God's ultimate generosity to us
in the death of his Son, who
"though he was rich, yet for our sakes became poor,
so that through his poverty we might become rich"
2 Corinthians 8:9

If we truly understand this gospel,
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and even beyond our ability!
2 Corinthians 8:3

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Church Committee

VISION & CHALLENGE...

We are very excited this term to present our vision for 2015 and beyond. Late last year we met as a combined Session and Committee of Management to discuss the Vision for this year and the years following. We came up with five areas to concentrate on for the year:-

1. Improved communications as a church for 2015—both internal with one another, and external to the community. (some of the ways we would do this include—improving the website, re-vamping the bulletin, producing a new Church Directory, improving our signs and banners, improving our gardens, and taking part in some community awareness activities).
2. Training and calling of new Elders for our church.
3. Establishing an ongoing commitment to sound bible training and equipping of members to share the gospel. This would include the promotion of and attendance to: Y-NET training for our Youth Leaders, Quiz Worx training, CQ Convention and Preaching Seminar, and training of additional service leaders.
4. Extend sound biblical teaching and equipping - to other communities in our region. This would initially involve the communities of Theodore and Emerald, but our long-term goal would be to continue to reach out to other communities as well. To support the work at Emerald, the session and committee will produce a proposal to go to Presbytery and Church Offices for both financial support and prayer support. To begin such a work, the committee is opening a separate bank account called “Church Plant Fund” with a starting balance of \$15,000. A challenge budget will be put to the congregation at our annual meeting with the hope that we can double this amount by the end of the year, and pave the way for employing a second minister to prepare for a church plant in Emerald in 2017.
5. We plan to open up our VIP-Net annual Easter camp to youth right across Central Queensland. We are working in partnership with the Y-NET team who will provide a speaker, advertising, and on-line registration facilities. This of course will mean that we will need to cater for larger numbers attending the camp this year.

We are also committed to ongoing improvement of our facilities. Last year saw a new seat installed at the front of the church, a new stove and lighting for Pelican Point, new lounges for nursing mums in our entrance foyer, a new sign for our Pelican Point campsite, among many other things. We look forward to hearing any suggestions you might have for how we can continue to improve our facilities.

We are looking forward to you coming on a journey with us, as we seek to do the LORD’s will...
For our vision to be successful, everyone’s prayers and support will be essential.

If you have questions, please contact any of the session who will be only to glad to help.

Andrew.

The new account details are as follows:

Bank: Commonwealth Bank
BSB: TBA
Account Number: TBA
Account Name: Church Plant Fund



Harold and Bill installing the new seat at the front of our church.

VIP-Net 4 Youth!

2014 has been quite a defining year in the life of our VIP-net youth group, as we have been working towards stabilising and solidifying our processes. Under Andrew Purcell's guidance, the leaders have become more intentional in their approach, developing deeper relationships with their group members, who, as a result, are becoming more consistent.

We now have 6 study groups established within VIP-net, to better cater for the mix of ages, genders and discipleship/evangelism needs. These were agreed to and dispersed among the leaders according to their skill sets and desires at the beginning of 2014. Each study group enjoyed several out-of-VIP-net-time activities with their leader/s during the year: events like a trip to Cania, softball game, pool/movie nights, a shopping expedition etc, and these occasions were very helpful in consolidating relationships.

Each Tuesday night VIP's enjoyed some fun get-to-know-you games, to help build relationships, and bible-based games, to help build knowledge. They then shared a simple, sit-down meal together (courtesy of some wonderful volunteers) after which they split into their study groups where the Word of God could be examined in the light of the needs of the individuals. This routine was maintained consistently throughout the year (apart from special activities), and we have been blessed with an increase in consistency of attendance and decrease in behavioural issues. Praise God for this result!

During the Easter school holidays we again held our VIP-net camp at Pelican Point. This year Rob Davey (ex-school chaplain and 3rd year seminary student) was our speaker, and his engaging talks fuelled animated small-group discussions about how the writers of Psalms spoke with God, and how we too can approach Him and grow our confidence in His faithful promises. Interspersed with the learning were activities ranging from chats around the bonfire to water sports, from team challenges and messy games to photography, coupled with tremendous amounts of food (some generously donated by members of the congregation and parents). On the Saturday night, teams of youth displayed a diverse range of gifts at a "VIP-net Talent Show". It was a wonderful time of building, developing and cementing relationships between the youth (who came from diverse backgrounds and towns), and between the young people and the leaders.



On another memorable occasion, a company from Rockhampton were persuaded to organise a night-time "Laser Tag" event at Pelican Point as a Term 3 celebration. Many students had been keen to do this activity in Rockhampton, but the cost (including transportation) was prohibitive. By hosting the event at Pelican Point and using a local Callide bus, the cost per student was reduced significantly and over 30 young people were able to participate in the excitement of the night.

Other special events during the year included an enlightening visit from Creation Ministries and a couple of entertaining performances by the "Webb Sisters". The VIP's this year contributed to Christmas Hampers for needy people in Biloela, and were treated to an end-of-year 'splash' in the town pool.

As we look back over 2014 we are thankful that, despite holidays and sickness, God provided the VIP-net team with sufficient leaders for every single night. As usual, He is more than equal to our needs! We are grateful for the many unseen contributions, the food, the organising of rosters, the helpful parents and praying congregation. As we look forward to next year, we remain confident that He will continue to bless this ministry if we remain obedient to His purpose - to "...go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19-20)



**Please keep
praying for
all youth
leaders**

Selma Dredge
Lenette Witham
Raymond Wilkie
Ian Wilkie
Lyn Wilkie

Gavin Warmington
Cassandra Warmington
Kirstin Boal
Daniel Boal
Nigel Kruger

Lyn Webb
Michael Witham
Luke Briese
Lucas Steger
Emma Campbell

Changing the World One Disciple at a Time



What are some of the different reactions people have when they feel everything is against them?



1 Samuel 1:11 And she made a vow, saying, "O LORD Almighty, if you will only look upon your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head."



In her adversity and distress Hannah turns to God and puts her faith and trust in him.



READ 1SAMUEL 1:1-20

1. What is Hannah's distressing situation?

2. What exactly does she pledge in verse 11? (c.f. Numbers 6:1-8)

3. What does Eli the priest think when he first discovers Hannah praying? How does he change his response when he hears Hannah's story?

4. What does it say that the Lord does in verse 19? What do you think this means?



5. What happens in some of the other instances in the bible when the Lord "remembers" his people (eg. Exodus 2:23-25; Genesis 8:1; Genesis 30:22; Numbers 10:9)

6. Why does she name the boy Samuel? How long is Hannah likely to remember the things the Lord has done for her?



7. How often do we turn to the Lord in times of distress? What things has God already done for us that we should remember? (c.f. Acts 4:8-12; Rom 5:6-11)



READ 1SAMUEL 1:21-28

8. Apart from the name she gives her baby, what else does Hannah do in response to the things God has done for her? (esp. v.28)

9. How difficult might it have been to hand her boy over to the priest Eli so that he could serve the Lord in the temple at Shiloh?

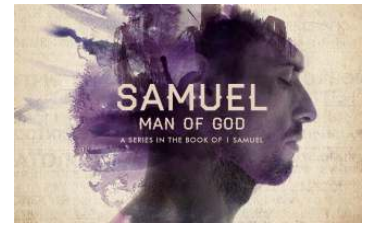


Read Numbers 6.

What is a Nazirite vow? Why would a person make a Nazirite vow with God?



10. How should we respond to the Lord considering what he has done for us in Jesus? What distressful situation have we been rescued from? (Romans 5:6-11)



11. Is there anything that we should give over to the Lord? (c.f. Colossians 1:16-20; 3:3-4; 3:16-17)



12. What are some of the things that we can do to continue to remember the things God has done for us?

13. What is Samuel's response to the situation (v.28). Is this an appropriate response for us today? (Why/Why Not?)

NIV 1 Samuel 1:28 So now I give him to the LORD. For his whole life he will be given over to the LORD." And he worshiped the LORD there. (1Sa 1:28 NIV)



Pray together about the encouragement and challenge raised by God's Word through this study. Note prayer points below for your partners in the gospel

Growth Group members	Unbelieving friends

Give thanks to our Father in Heaven for sending Jesus into our world to speak to us.

Pray that we would remember how important his message of salvation really is.

Praise God for his example to us in Hannah.

pray also

for the ministry of our Growth Groups

for Paul Smith and his work in the Philippines. Pray that the gospel will continue to go out in that country.



Feb 1	Growth Groups Resume	Mar 8	Lord's Supper
Feb 1	CrossConnect BBQ 6pm	Mar 10	QTC Preaching Week
Feb 3	VIP-Net Leader's Meeting	Mar 14	Men's Breakfast
Feb 10	VIP-Net Kick-Off	Mar 14	Pelican Point Working Bee
Feb 12	Presbytery Retreat & AGM	Mar 15	Pelican Point Service
Feb 14	Men's Breakfast	Mar 17	Quiz Worx Schools Tour
Feb 17	Session Meeting	Mar 19	CoM Meeting
Feb 18	Minister's Fellowship	Mar 20	CADETS at Pelican Pt
Feb 19	CoM Meeting	Mar 21	Quiz Worx Training Day
Feb 22	Annual Congregational Mtg	Mar 24	Session Meeting
Feb 28	Eldership Training	Apr 2	Maundy Thursday Service
Mar 7	Eldership Training	Apr 10-12	CQ Youth Camp



What are some of the things God has done for us in Jesus, and what are some good ways to remember these things?

Pray that we be encouraged by Hannah's steadfast commitment to God.



for sunday's bible talk and next week's study read...

1Samual 2

2

Two Very Different Examples



Who has been the most significant role model in your life and why?



1 Samuel 2:1 Then Hannah prayed and said: "My heart rejoices in the LORD; in the LORD my horn is lifted high. My mouth boasts over my enemies, for I delight in your deliverance.



Hannah trusts in the Lord and in his good provision, rejoicing in what she has. Eli's sons ruthlessly take whatever they can from the people and by their actions they dishonour and despise God.



READ 1SAMUEL 2:1-11

1. What reason does Hannah give for her rejoicing? What does she delight in?

2. What observations does Hannah make about God and about his character? (esp. v2, & vv.6-10)

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3. Based on who the Lord is (who God is and what he does), what advice does Hannah give others about their individual situation (vv3,4,5,9,10)?



4. How is Hannah a good example/role model for us today?

READ 1SAMUEL 2:12-26

5. What is the opening statement about Eli's sons? Why are they wicked men? (v12)

6. How were those in the priesthood meant to receive "their keep" from the meat being sacrificed, and how were Eli's sons actually receiving their portion of the sacrifice?



7. Why was this a particularly distasteful sin? (v17, - also v29)

8. What is different about Samuel compared to Eli's sons? (v18, 21)



Read Numbers 3 & 4

What is the main task given to the tribe of Levi?

What happens to others who approach the sanctuary of God?

Why do you think there are so many regulations about preparing the sanctuary and preparing the people to meet with God in worship? How is this different to what we have in our church today?

9. When Eli rebukes his sons for their wickedness, what do we learn about their future compared to the future of Samuel? (vv.24-26)

READ 1SAMUEL 2:27-36

10. What specific accusation does the 'man of God' bring against Eli and his household? (v29)

11. What makes this accusation all the more offensive in God's eyes? (vv.27-28)



12. What does the man of God reveal about Eli and his family's future?



14. What role are we given by God when we become a Christian? (1Peter 2:6-12) Have we taken seriously this role that God has given us? (Have we trusted like Hannah, or are we acting more like Eli and his family?)

15. Do people's actions in 2015 affect their destiny in similar ways to what we see played out in this passage of scripture? (Why/Why Not?)



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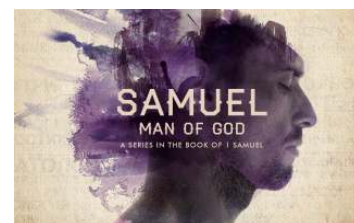


Feb 10	VIP-Net Kick-Off	Mar 14	Pelican Point Working Bee
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What do you think it might mean that we are part of the 'Royal Priesthood' of God's people?

Pray that we'd remember that our God loves us so much that he sent his son into the world to die in our place.



1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

praise God that we can see Hannah's example in contrast to Eli and his sons.

confess that we often take our eyes off Jesus and are enticed by the messages of the world. Pray that we would fix our thoughts on Jesus and not put our trust in ourselves.

ask God to help us to 'declare the praises of God' by telling others about Jesus and the good things we have in him.

pray also

for Cross Connect (our young adults ministry) (see page 5)

for the PIM - and particularly David and Kathy Alsop in the Central QLD Patrol.



for sunday's bible talk and next week's study read...

1Samual 3



What are the main ways that we find out about significant news events these days?



1 Samuel 3:21 The LORD continued to appear at Shiloh, and there he revealed himself to Samuel through his word.



God reveals himself to his people, making himself known to them by various ways and means.



READ 1SAMUEL 3:1-10

1. What is Samuel doing at the start of chapter 3?
2. What point does the writer make about ministry “in those days”?
3. Where are Samuel and Eli sleeping, and is that significant to the situation?
4. What do we learn about Eli (v.2)?
5. What do we learn about Samuel (v.7)?
6. What does Eli realise is happening with young Samuel, and what are his instructions to the boy?

READ 1SAMUEL 3:11-21

7. What “ear tingling” message does God give the boy Samuel?
8. What reason does God give for making such a judgment?



9. What is Eli’s fault (or sin) in the situation?

10. Do we carry the same responsibility for our children today (Why/Why Not)?



Read Hebrews 1

What are some of the ways God reveals himself to us?

11. What does the LORD say in v.14, and how does this line up with Eli's warning to his sons in chapter 2 verse 25?



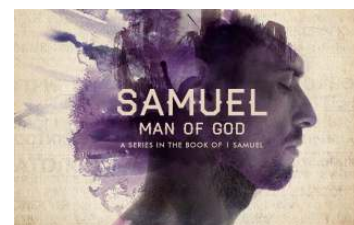
12. What is Eli's response when he is told the vision that Samuel has had?

13. What does God do for Samuel, and what do the people of Israel recognise about him?

14. How does the LORD reveal himself to Samuel? (How much of the bible would Samuel have had to work with?)

15. How does God reveal himself to us today? (See esp. Hebrews 1:1-3; Matthew 11:25-27; Colossians 2:9).

16. What does the writer to the Hebrews declare to us about what God has revealed and WHY? (Hebrews 2:1-4)



1 Samuel 3:20-21 And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba recognized that Samuel was attested as a prophet of the LORD. ²¹ The LORD continued to appear at Shiloh, and there he revealed himself to Samuel through his word.



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praise God that he has revealed himself to us through his son Jesus Christ.

Pray that we will pay careful attention to what God has revealed in his word so that we will not drift away.

pray also

for our elders and our minister as they lead our church (see page 8)

for the Middle East Reformed Fellowship (MERF) and their work with Arab and Muslim peoples around the world.



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How can we pay careful attention to the things revealed to us in God's word?

Pray that we will be able to stand firm in our faith in Jesus!!



for sunday's bible talk and next week's study read...

1Samual 4



What is the worst loss you have ever encountered?



^{NIV} **1 Samuel 4:22** She said, "The glory has departed from Israel, for the ark of God has been captured."



God will judge those who persist in their evil deeds...



READ 1SAMUEL 4:1-3

1. What situation do Israel find themselves in?
2. What is their solution to the problem?
3. Do you think they've made a correct analysis of the problem (Why/Why Not)?

READ 1SAMUEL 4:4-11

4. What do the Israelites do and what's the initial reaction of the Philistines?
5. After their deliberations, how do the Philistines respond to the arrival of the ark in the Israelite camp?
6. What is the end result of their confrontation with Israel and the Ark (vv.10-11)?

READ 1SAMUEL 4:12-22

7. What is Eli fearful about?



8. What does the man from Benjamin bring?
9. What is the reaction of the people of Shiloh, and what's the reaction of Eli?
10. What do you think the ark means to Shiloh?



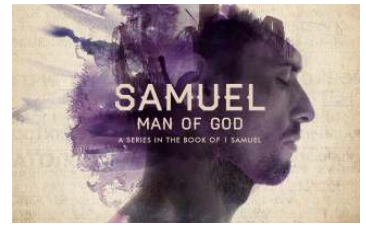
Investigate:-

What do we know about the day of judgment?

Read Matthew 24 & 25



11. What is the physical stature of Eli at his death? Had Hophni and Phineas given up their ways, or were they still treating the LORD with disrespect? (Had they been given opportunity to repent?)



12. As she's dying, what does Eli's daughter-in-law name her son and why?

13. How is this in stark contrast to Samuel and his name?

14. What does the judgment on Eli's family mean for Samuel?

15. Read Psalms 125 & 128. What would the Psalmist say to Hophni and Phineas? What would the Psalmist say to us?

16. What are some of the things we learn about judgment from 2Peter 3?

17. What 'significant option' does God provide for us to get out of 'our situation' before it's too late?

NIV 2 Peter 3:11 Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives¹² as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat.¹³ But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness. (2Pe 3:11 NIV)



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praise God that he has told us about the day of judgment

Pray that we will have a clear understanding of what it means to be a follower of Jesus

pray also

for our youth ministry (see pages 13 & 17)

for the Far East Broadcasting Company as they take the gospel of Jesus Christ to the world by radio. (They particularly seek to reach listeners who because of political, ideological, physical or geographical boundaries are unlikely to hear the message of Jesus in any other way)



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How can we be rescued from the day of judgment?...

Pray that we would continue to encourage all family members to follow Jesus our Saviour.



for revision of this series re-read...

1Samuel 5-6



What are some of the occupations in society that regularly bring you face to face with life and death?



^{NIV} **1 Samuel 2:6** "The LORD brings death and makes alive; he brings down to the grave and raises up."



The LORD controls both life and death.



READ 1SAMUEL 5:1-8

1. What happens to the Philistines who capture the Ark and take it to Ashdod? What do they end up doing with it?

2. What is the source of the Philistine's poor health? (v.6)

READ 1SAMUEL 5:9-12

3. What happens to the Philistines in Gath and what do they do?



4. What do the Philistines in Ekron realise? What happens to them?

READ 1SAMUEL 6:1-6



5. What do the Philistines do and how do they come up with this solution?

6. What do the Philistines know about Israel's history in Egypt?

READ 1SAMUEL 6:7-12



7. What do the Philistines do and why do they keep watch over the Ark when they send it on its way?

8. What do they deduce from how it proceeds to Beth Shemesh?

READ 1SAMUEL 6:13 - 7:1

9. What is the response of the Israelites at Beth Shemesh and what do they do?



read Deuteronomy 30:11-20.

What determines whether or not God's word brings life or death to the people of Israel?



10. Why were some Israelites struck down by God when the Ark returned?

11. What's the question the men of Beth Shemesh ask? (AND, what's the answer to their question?)

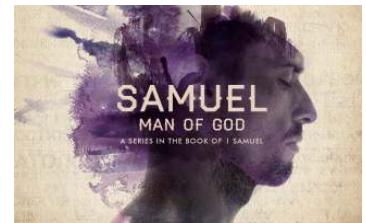


12. Who do we know that can stand in the LORD's presence?

13. What happens to the Ark after that and why?

14. In what way is the Gospel (the good news about Jesus) like the Ark? (c.f. 2Corinthians 2:12-17; 1 Corinthians 1:18)

15. How should we treat the word of God and the message of the Gospel? (c.f. John 5:24; Ro 10:6-13)



1 Corinthians 1:18 *For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*



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Pray that we would remember that our God holds our very lives in the palm of his hand.

ask God to help us to tell others about Jesus and his offer of life.

pray also

for the ministry of our Committee of Management (see page 9)

for our school chaplains: Nigel Kruger (High School), Lyn Webb (State Primary School), Selma Dredge (District Schools), and Katrina Witham (District Schools).



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Does the gospel message bring life or death?

Pray that God will help us stand firm in our faith in Jesus.



for sunday's bible talk and next week's study read...

1Samual 7



Can you think of a specific time in your life when you served others?



NIV **1 Samuel 7:15** Samuel continued as judge over Israel all the days of his life.
¹⁶ From year to year he went on a circuit from Bethel to Gilgal to Mizpah, judging Israel in all those places.



Samuel remained a faithful servant of God all the days of his life. He sets a challenging role model for us to follow...



READ 1SAMUEL 7:1-4

1. Why were the people mourning and seeking after the LORD?
2. What does Samuel counsel them to do in order to return to the LORD with all their heart?
3. Why might this be a good thing to do?

READ 1SAMUEL 7:5-9



4. When Samuel calls all Israel to come to Mizpah - what do they pour out before God and what do they confess?

5. What do the Philistines plan to do?
6. What is Israel's plea as the Philistines approach (v.8)?



7. What does Samuel do and how does God respond?

READ 1SAMUEL 7:10-13

8. How do Israel battle the Philistines when they approach?
9. At what point in the battle do the men of Israel "rush out"?



What do the Psalms tell us about the faithful man of God?

Is this true in Samuel's case?

(See Psalm 1; 32; 34; 40; 84; 94; 112; 127; 128)



10. What monument does Samuel set up and what does it signify?

READ 1SAMUEL 7:13-17

11. What happens with the Philistines (Israel's enemies) throughout Samuel's lifetime?

12. What happens with Israel throughout Samuel's lifetime? (How does this compare with vv. 3-4?)



13. What seems to be Samuel's role as prophet in Israel, and what seems to be his role as Judge? (How are these different roles?)

14. What do Israel's fortunes seem to be tied to (c.f. Deuteronomy 30:11-20)? Is this similar for us today?



15. How might we listen to God and be faithful servants who obey his commands? (c.f. Acts 3:17-24; Hebrews 11:32-12:3)

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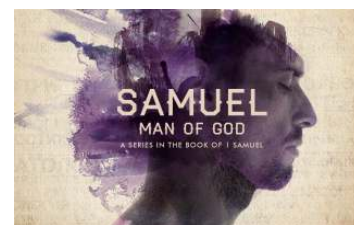


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How might we honour God this week?

Pray that we might be faithful disciples of Jesus.



NIV Luke 18:29 "I tell you the truth," Jesus said to them, "no one who has left home or wife or brothers or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God³⁰ will fail to receive many times as much in this age and, in the age to come, eternal life."

praise God that he promises to bless those who honour him.

Pray that we would continue to love one another and follow Christ's example in this

ask God to help us to stand firm in the gospel, and to remember that we are a part of a ministry that is superior to any other.

pray also

for our young adults

for the Alsops, and the work of the Presbyterian Inland Mission.



for sunday's bible talk and next week's study read...

1Samual 8-10



Have you ever been through a company restructure where the leadership was replaced? What happened?



^{NIV} **1 Samuel 8:4** So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah. ⁵ They said to him, "You are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have."



In their sin, Israel request a king to lead them instead of being led by God himself.



READ 1SAMUEL 8:1-5

1. What happens when Samuel hands the leadership of Israel over to his sons (how do they behave)?



2. What proposition do the elders of Israel bring to Samuel?

READ 1SAMUEL 8:5-9

3. How does Samuel react to their request? What does God say to Samuel & what does he instruct Samuel to do?

READ 1SAMUEL 8:10-20

4. What things will a king do to the people? (List them...)

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5. What is their express purpose for wanting a king?



6. What does God tell Samuel?

READ 1SAMUEL 9:1-6

7. What have Saul and the servant set out to do?

8. When their quest seems to be failing, what do they decide to do (vv.5-6)?



Read Deuteronomy 17:14-20

What are the provisions or rules that the king must adhere to/ abide by?

READ 1SAMUEL 9:7-27

9. How much of the situation does God know in advance? What is Saul's reaction to the news?



READ 1SAMUEL 10:1-8

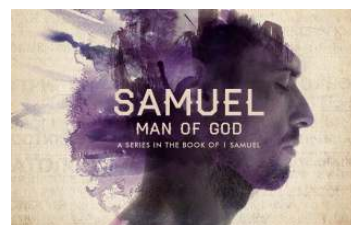
10. What does Samuel do, and what are his instructions to Saul?

READ 1SAMUEL 10:9-24

11. How is the king announced to Israel, and what is their reaction?

12. Why is it a sin to ask for a king over them?

13. Who is our king? What do the scriptures say that he will do for his people?



NIV John 18:37 "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."



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praise God that he has given all authority in heaven & on earth to Jesus.

Pray that we would recognise our King, and prepare ourselves for entering his kingdom.

ask God to help us to continue to stand firm in the gospel, remain faithful to Jesus and to do his will, especially in tough situations

pray also

for our music ministry and all those in our church who serve the Lord in this way

for Inside/Out Chaplaincy (formerly CCC) as they continue to minister in word and in deed to prisoners across our state.



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What does it mean for us to live with Jesus as our King?

Pray that we would remember all that God has done for us in Jesus.



for sunday's bible talk and next week's study read...

1 Samuel 12



Have you ever done something a couple of times just to make absolutely sure of it? If so, what?



^{NIV} **1 Samuel 12:19** The people all said to Samuel, "Pray to the LORD your God for your servants so that we will not die, for we have added to all our other sins the evil of asking for a king."



Despite our sin, we are to stand firm in our LORD. He's the one who saves.



READ 1SAMUEL 11:1-11

1. What is the treaty Nahash the Ammonite offers to Jabesh Gilead and why?
2. What does King Saul do when he hears about the supposed treaty?
3. What ends up happening in the battle?

READ 1SAMUEL 11:12-15



4. Why do they re-affirm the kingship of Saul?

READ 1SAMUEL 12:1-15

5. What does Samuel point out to Israel about their leadership (vv.1-2)?
6. What is Samuel's question to Israel and what is their response?
7. Who does Samuel call as "his witness", and what do you think this means?

READ 1SAMUEL 12:6-17

8. What key things did God do for Israel throughout their history, and how did they respond?
9. What is the sin that Samuel points out to the people of Israel?
10. What proof is Samuel about to produce to demonstrate that the LORD is not happy with them?



read
1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:7

How should we respond to Jesus our king?



1SAMUEL 12:18-25

11. What do the people of Israel realise and what is their request?

12. What happens to their wheat harvest?



13. What piece of advice does Samuel give them in vv.20-21?

14. What potential sin is lurking for Samuel himself?

15. What's the final warning Samuel gives them about themselves and their king?

16. How is our situation with King Jesus similar, and how is it different to what we see here in 1Samuel? What is our version of 1Samuel 12:13-15 with Jesus as our King? (Write it out in your own words...)



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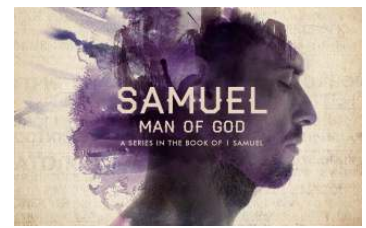


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What are some of the key things to remember about Jesus' kingship (Hebrews 1:1-9)?

Pray that we would remember these things!



NIV 1 Samuel 12:20-22 "Do not be afraid," Samuel replied. "You have done all this evil; yet do not turn away from the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart. ²¹ Do not turn away after useless idols. They can do you no good, nor can they rescue you, because they are useless. ²² For the sake of his great name the LORD will not reject his people, because the LORD was pleased to make you his own."

Praise God that we can meet together regularly to worship him.

Pray that we will remember his promises to us in Jesus.

ask God to help us to reach out to people in our local community (here in the Callide & Dawson Valley) and tell them what the gospel is all about.

pray also
 For our church leaders

for the preparations for our Family Camp in September

for the work of the Far East Broadcasting Company (FEBC).



for sunday's bible talk and next week's study read...

1Samual 13-15

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Rejection is Met With Rejection



Have you ever had someone tell you that everything's OK only to find that it wasn't? What happened?



^{NIV} **1 Samuel 15:13-14** When Samuel reached him, Saul said, "The LORD bless you! I have carried out the LORD's instructions." ¹⁴ But Samuel said, "What then is this bleating of sheep in my ears? What is this lowing of cattle that I hear?"



Saul rejects God's commands, and is himself rejected as king over God's people.



READ 1SAMUEL 13:1-9

1. What is the situation Saul and Israel find themselves in?

2. What does Saul decide to do about it?

READ 1SAMUEL 13:10-15

3. What does Samuel point out about Saul's actions and what are the consequences of Saul's actions?



4. What are we told that the Lord God will do with the kingship?

READ 1SAMUEL 13:16-22

5. What is going to make it hard for Israel to fight the Philistines?

READ 1SAMUEL 14:1-23

6. What do Jonathan and his mates do? What is the end result for Israel?

READ 1SAMUEL 14:24-52

7. What is Saul's vow and who ends up breaking it?

8. What are we beginning to see about Saul's actions and decision making?

9. What ends up happening with the vow (v.45)? What does this say about Saul's kingship?



read
Hannah's prayer in
1 Samuel 2:1-10 and
Micah 6:6-8

What things please the LORD?



READ 1SAMUEL 15:1-9

10. What is God's instruction concerning the Amalekites?

11. What does Saul actually do?

READ 1SAMUEL 15:10-21

12. Why is God grieved? Does Saul think he's obeyed or disobeyed?



13. It can be quite tempting for us to just keep the commands of God we want to keep and overlook the rest. How might we avoid doing this from now on?

READ 1SAMUEL 15:22-35

14. What key points does Samuel make to Saul? What does Samuel tell him about the kingship and why is that the case?



15. What do we know about those who receive Jesus as Lord and about those who reject him? (See John 3:16-21; Hebrews 12:22-29)

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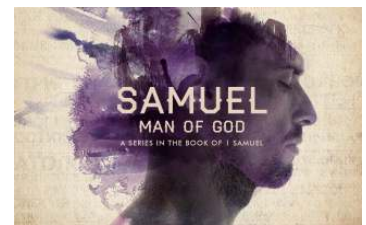


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What is a good way to remember what Jesus has done for us?

Pray that we'll remember that Jesus is coming back so that we can live forever with him.



NIV 1 Samuel 13:13-14
 "You acted foolishly," Samuel said. "You have not kept the command the LORD your God gave you; if you had, he would have established your kingdom over Israel for all time. ¹⁴ But now your kingdom will not endure; the LORD has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him leader of his people, because you have not kept the LORD's command."

Pray that we would continue to remember the awesome victory that Jesus had over death itself, and that this is a 'permanent victory'!

confess that we have often become complacent in our responsibilities as Christian brothers and sisters

ask God to help us to reach out to people in our local community (here in the Callide & Dawson Valley) and tell them what the gospel is all about as we follow Jesus.

pray also
 For the other churches in the Presbytery of Central QLD

for the preparations for our Easter Youth Camp 'CQ Alive'

for the work of our School Chaplains



for revision of this series re-read...

1Samual 1-15

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