

## STUDY GUIDE

### 1 Samuel 1-3

### “God’s Right to Rule”

- 1) Given the background information that this was a spiritual low point for Israel and the fact that “the word of the Lord was rare in those days” (1 Sam 3:1), do you ever feel like the same is true of us today? Why or why not?
  
- 2) Why is it sometimes difficult to believe that God has a plan and that he is always at work in carrying it out? What things get in the way of seeing God’s sovereign plan in all things?
  
- 3) What are some of the ways you express worship to God when he shows you how he is at work?
  
- 4) Read through Hannah’s prayer of worship in 1 Sam 2:1-10. What areas of this prayer strike you? Why?
  
- 5) Reflecting on the seriousness of the sin of Eli and his sons in 1 Sam 2:11-36, how does this affect you?  
  
How do you do battle against sin as you walk through each day? What practices might help you in this?
  
- 6) Read 1 Sam 3:8-18. What strikes you the most about Eli’s words in v18?  
  
What are some of the ways in daily life where it is difficult for you to say these same words? How can we pray for you in this regard?

*The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king  
and exalt the power of the anointed. - 1 Samuel 2:10b*

*And he said, “It is the Lord. Let him do what seems good to him.” - 1 Samuel 3:18b*