



## 1 SAMUEL 3:1-10

### I. INTRODUCTION

- A. **Objective:** To understand God's call to Samuel and how it applies to our lives today.
- B. **Brief Overview:** Explain that this passage centers around God's calling of Samuel. It's a pivotal moment in the history of Israel, marking the beginning of Samuel's prophetic ministry. The passage gives insight into how God speaks and how we should respond to His voice.

### II. The WORD: Group Study

- A. **Step 1: Observation (10 minutes):** Note the facts in the passage.
1. Who are the main characters in this passage?
  2. What are the key events or actions in this passage?
  3. Where does this event take place?
  4. When does this event happen?
  5. What does the text tell us about Samuel?
  6. What does the text tell us about Eli?
- B. **Step 2: interpretation (10 minutes):** Draw out the meaning of the passage. Facilitator will help the group go deeper by asking questions that require reflection:
1. Why do you think God called Samuel three times?
  2. What does it mean when the text says, "Samuel did not yet know the Lord" (v.7)?
  3. Why does Eli need to discern that God is calling Samuel?
  4. What can we learn about how God speaks to us?
- C. **Step 3: Application (20 minutes),** with the guidance of the facilitator, this step encourages the group to apply what they've learned to their own lives. Ask:
1. How does God speak to us today?
  2. What does it mean to be like Samuel in this passage?
  3. How can we cultivate the habit of hearing from God?
  4. What does it look like for you to say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant hears" in your life?