

## 1 Samuel 3 Samuel: No Wasted Words

*A rare word ...*

### I. Calling & Crisis

- A. Born to Serve
- B. Prophet/Priest
- C. Ominous Oracles

### II. Kingdom & Kings

- A. Saul
- B. David
- C. Christ

*... for troubled times.*

### **Children, Listen ...**

1. Where did Samuel live and serve as a young boy?
2. How did Samuel feel when Israel wanted a king "like the other nations?"
3. Saul was the first King of Israel, but who was the King after God's own heart?
4. Israel's kings in the Bible come and go ... but there is a king whose kingdom is forever. Who is that?

### **No Dirty Words (feel free to change this title!)**

Samuel had the burden and the blessing of being a prophet in the time of the establishment of Israel as a Kingdom. He was called to proclaim bad news and good news, curses and blessings, terror and promise. He oversaw the rise and fall of Saul and the installation of King David. He would speak of things that would make Israel's ears tingle with fear but also of things that would give the people of God great assurance. Whatever it was he was going to speak he would speak the truth without compromise. Because he heard God's word and reported it accurately no matter what the cost, what was said about Samuel at the outset of his ministry could be said at his eulogy as well: ... *the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.* 1 Samuel 3:19. May the Lord continue to bless His church in these troubled times with men who are unafraid to speak the truth no matter what the cost, that the truth would be known, that the Lord would be glorified and that knees would bow before King Jesus – even as we pray: "Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."