

## ► Discussion Guide

Use this guide with friends or on your own to pursue your relationship with Jesus. Take time to reflect, learn and talk with God. Find a Small Group at [brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups](http://brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups).

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### Conversation Starter

A loyal person is someone who \_\_\_\_\_.

### Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [1 Samuel 2:12-26](#).

1. Eli's sons were scoundrels. What were they doing? Why were these actions so dishonoring to God?
2. How did Eli respond? What was the result?
3. The stage is being set for God to raise up Samuel as a faithful priest. How is Samuel described in this passage that makes him different than Eli's sons?

Read [1 Samuel 2:27-36](#).

4. One day a man of God came to Eli. What message did he bring, and what was the point of his message?
5. Jesus is the ultimate fulfillment of [vs. 35-36](#). According to the following passages, what benefits do we have from Jesus being our High Priest?
  - a. [Hebrews 2:17-18](#)
  - b. [Hebrews 4:14-16](#)
  - c. [Hebrews 7:23-28](#)

6. Reflect on the idea that one person's actions always impact the people around them. In God's kingdom, a person cannot sin in secret.
  - a. Think of someone you've known personally who was unfaithful. How did that person's actions affect others?
  - b. Now think of someone who is faithful. What impact does that person have on the lives of others?
7. What is God revealing to you about *yourself* or about *Him* in this week's teaching?
8. This week I will honor God by \_\_\_\_\_ (*be specific*).

### Soul Training

For at least 15 minutes each day this week, find a quiet place and spend the first few minutes simply quieting your heart. Release your cares and burdens to God. Then slowly read through the provided Daily Reading. Ask God to reveal Himself and speak to you in His Word.

### Memory Verse

*Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.*

[Galatians 6:7 NIV](#)

### Daily Reading

Day 1: [1 Samuel 2:18-21](#)

Day 4: [Isaiah 26:13-15](#)

Day 2: [1 Samuel 2:35-36](#)

Day 5: [John 12:23-26](#)

Day 3: [Psalm 29](#)

### Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, January 28, we'll continue the series *Belonging to God: The Life of Samuel*. To prepare for the message, spend a few quiet moments reading [1 Samuel 3:1-21](#).