

Week 11 (March 12): Judges 18-21; Ruth; 1 Samuel 1-15

Theme: Fear God and serve Him

Memory: 1 Samuel 12:24 *"Only fear the Lord, and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you."*

1. Judges 19-20 is the story of the woman who died after a brutal sexual assault.
 - A. In what ways does this story illustrate the fact that unrepentant people must be held accountable for their sin?
 - B. In what ways does this story illustrate the principle that when we try to protect the unrepentant person we enable their dysfunction and allow innocent people to be harmed?
2. How does the story of Ruth illustrate God's direction and provision? Give specific examples.
3. Describe the process of God calling Samuel to prophetic ministry in 1 Samuel 3.
4. 1 Samuel 9:2 describes Saul as *"an impressive young man, without equal among the Israelites..."* In chapter 11 it is stated that the Holy Spirit came upon him and he successfully led the people in a military victory over their enemy. However in chapter 13 the prophet Samuel had to rebuke King Saul. What did Saul do to deserve the rebuke, and why was it so important?
5. In 1 Samuel 14 we read the account of Jonathan and his armor bearer attacking the Philistines. Retell the story from the perspective of Jonathan's armor bearer.