



**Sermon Discussion Guide**  
Relating to God  
1 Samuel 4:1-5:4  
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**Step 1: Reflect on the Text**

Read the Scripture printed above. What stood out to you (interesting, challenging, confusing, etc.)?

**Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon**

- 1) When you think about your relationship with God, how would you characterize it? Is he a safety net, a means for your own self-indulgence, something else? Or do you consistently view God as the One, True God of the Universe, worthy of all the glory and honor and praise you can give him?

GOD AS A SAFETY NET

- 2) The Elders of Israel were given a tangible Ark as a way to commune with God. Now, as believers we are given the Holy Spirit. What is your favorite way to spend time with and enjoy God's presence?
- 3) Is your time with the Lord consistent? Or do you see any changes in your prayer life during seasons of hardship?

GOD AS A MEANS FOR OUR OWN SELF-INDULGENCE

- 4) Eli chose to honor (give weight) to himself and his sons above God. In your own life, are there people or things that you prioritize before the Lord?
- 5) What are ways you have seen yourself give God leftovers – your time, money, talents, or how about your worship? When you worship, do you tend to find yourself more concerned about your own desires or God's glory?
- 6) What would you say is your 'best time' during a day/week? A time where you are most alert and awake. How do you use that time? What would it look to give that time to God this week?

GOD AS THE ONE DESERVING ALL HONOR, GLORY, AND PRAISE

- 7) Take a minute to think of some things that describe God – who he is and what he has done. Now take a minute and compare those adjectives describing God and see if you can find anything else that might be comparable... does your life reflect being about the lesser things or the greatest thing?
- 8) What is one tangible way you can seek to give God ALL of your glory, honor, and praise this week?

**Step 3: Final Reflections**

- 9) How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
- 10) In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to work on as a result of this study?