

Growth Group Questions for 1 Samuel

1. What is one element of the passage from Sunday that caught you by surprise or that is new to you?

2. Who did you most identify with in the story?

3. In what way can you see this story pointing to the greater narrative of redemption in Jesus Christ?

Below are several examples of ways a passage can do this; you can choose one or perhaps think of another. Some of these overlap and are very similar so don't belabor choosing between them when they feel pretty similar. You can also choose more than one as passages connect to Christ in multiple ways.

- a. *Typology (pattern-fulfillment)*: There is a pattern in this story that is fulfilled in the redemptive work of Jesus.
- b. *Promise-Fulfillment*: There is a promise here that is fulfilled in a greater way in Jesus.
- c. *Covenant*: There is something here about what it's like to be in covenant relationship with God, which speaks to our New Covenant in Jesus Christ.
- d. *Themes*: There is a theme here that stretches across into the New Testament too that we know more about now in Jesus.
- e. *Faith*: There is an element in placing faith in God for salvation or hope and we have a better clarity of faith now through Jesus Christ.
- f. *Problem-Solution*: There is some issue here that is solved but points to a bigger problem that must be ultimately solved in Jesus.

4. The sermon probably offered up more than one way to apply this story to your life; list one that hits home for you (either from the sermon or one that you came up with as a result of this passage).

Spend time in prayer together.