

1-2 SAMUEL: THE ROLE OF A PROPHET

Glory Departed **1 Samuel 4.1-22**

1. What superstitions did you learn as a child? Do you have any superstitions today?
2. Why do the Israelites bring the ark to the battlefield? What is wrong with their thinking?
3. Why did the Lord allow Israel to lose the first battle? What about the second?
4. What does this passage help you understand about God?
5. What do the Philistines know about God? How does it compare with what the Israelites believe?
6. What was Eli's first concern when hearing news of the battle? Does this change your view of him?
7. When you find yourself in a circumstance where you don't know what to do next what would it look like to seek God rather than trying to find an answer?
8. Where could you be trusting in created things, ceremonies, symbols, or people more than you trust in God? What keeps you from surrendering it and trusting in God completely?
9. Read 2 Corinthians 13:5. Where could you be living in rebellion or using God to bless you? How might you be using him to further your own needs and desires?
10. Consider the BIG IDEA for this passage: When we seek God the glory finds us. What would this look like in your life?