



AGAINST ALL ODDS

THE
WORD

SESSION SNAPSHOT

HOW TO RESPOND WHEN GOD CALLS

NARRATIVE PASSAGE:

1 Samuel 3:1-21

GOSPEL FOCUS:

James 1:22

TAKEAWAYS:

- When God calls, our first response should be to obey immediately
- God is not as interested in your capability as your availability

LAST WEEK'S READING:

- 1 Samuel 1-2
- 1 Samuel 3; 8
- 1 Samuel 9-10
- 1 Samuel 13-14
- 1 Samuel 15-16

STUDY THE WORD

What is something about you that you think is probably unique among the people in the room?

Why didn't Samuel know that it was the Lord calling to him at first?

How can we identify the Lord's voice today?

What was special about the way that Samuel responded to the Lord?

How can we adopt the same attitude today?

Has there ever been a time in your life when it felt like God was speaking to you constantly?

Has there ever been a period that felt like spiritual famine (like at the beginning of 1 Samuel 3)?

What were those times like? What was going on in your life during those periods?

God made Himself known through repetition and consistency. What are some habits we can create in our lives to create environments to hear Him speak to us?

What are some things that you find get in the way of a consistent walk with God?

With your group, read through the steps of a HEAR journal and discuss why you think it will help you have a quiet time with the Lord.

Highlight the passage you are focusing on by writing it down.

Explain what is going on in the passage by providing a summary.

Apply what the passage is saying to you, specifically.

Respond to God's message with a prayer or a specific action you can carry out.

APPLY THE WORD

Spending time with the Lord is something that won't happen unless you make a plan for it to happen, but it is also the smallest thing you can do to make the biggest difference in your spiritual life.

Once you begin hearing regularly from God, you will find that the desire for more of Him will continue growing, and will overflow and affect every area of your life.

Make a plan to practice journaling through God's Word at least a few days this week.

How do you hope this affects the way you hear from God?

PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK

Next Week's Reading:

- ***1 Samuel 17-18***
- ***1 Samuel 19-20***
- ***1 Samuel 21-22***
- ***Psalm 22; 1 Samuel 24-25:1***
- ***1 Samuel 28; 31***