

Week 6

May 9, 2021

Sermon Text: Genesis 3; 1 Samuel 3; Ruth

Sermon Notes:

Community Group:

Location:

Date:

Prayer Requests:

Lesson Topic:

Scripture References:

Lesson Notes:

What will I do as a result of our study?

A Willingness to Serve

Questions for Reflection:

In his sermon this week, Pastor Wade highlighted different aspects of serving God in the lives of three biblical characters—Samuel, Noah and Ruth. Which of these three people do you most identify with personally? Why?

Hannah, Samuel’s mother who struggled with infertility, “was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord and wept bitterly” (1 Samuel 1:10). She promised God to give her child back to the Lord if he granted her desire to give birth. What impact did Hannah’s promise to God have on her son’s decision to serve God? What can we learn from this?

Read 1 Samuel 3:1-10. How important was it that Samuel was willing to do anything that was asked of him? Is it important to have a heart that is willing to serve?

Read Mark 10:43-45. What did Jesus say about being willing to be a servant?

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Bible Reading: **Philippians 2**

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A Perseverance to Serve

Questions for Reflection:

The second biblical character highlighted in Sunday's message was Noah. He was highlighted for his perseverance in service. (If you are unfamiliar with his story, please read Genesis 5-9.)

Why is Noah an example of perseverance?

How many years did it take Noah to build the ark that God instructed him to build?

Even considering the length of Noah's life, that one project consumed more than 10% of his lifetime. If God were to ask you to give 7-10 years of your life to complete a single project, would you be willing to serve Him as He asks? Would you be willing to walk away from your current job to serve Him?

Read Matthew 4:18-22. How would you have responded if you were one of the men in this story? Notice their response in verses 20 and 22.

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A Mind-set to Serve

Questions for Reflection:

The last biblical character highlighted in Sunday's message was Ruth. We studied Ruth in depth just last summer as a church. If you were not here when we studied that, I would invite you to go back and listen to this series [here](#). Or as a refresher, I would encourage you to spend the next 14-15 minutes and read the story for yourself.



How would you describe Ruth? How would you describe her relationship with her mother-in-law?

Even though she was not obligated to stay with Naomi, Ruth's devotion to serve her and her needs was rewarded by the Lord. How is devotion viewed in our culture and society?

How is an attitude of service viewed in our culture and society? What did Jesus say about a person's devotion in Luke 16:13?

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Bible Reading: **Matthew 6**

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