

READ GOD'S WORD
[Look at the Passage]

1 SAMUEL 3:7-10, ESV

⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸ And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the young man.

⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ And the Lord came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears."

QUESTION 1
What Does God's Word Say?
[List the Facts]

- 7 Samuel did not yet know the Lord
- The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him

- 8 The Lord called Samuel a third time
- He arose and went to Eli
- Samuel said, " Here I am, for you called me."
- Eli perceived the Lord was calling the boy

- 9 Eli said to Sam, "Go, lie down & if He calls you say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant hears.'"
- Samuel went and lay down in his place

- 10 The Lord came and stood
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- Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears."

QUESTION 2

What Does God's Word mean?

[Learn the Lessons]

- 7 Even people in the church do not know the Lord
- God's word is a thing to be revealed

- 8 The Lord calls us personally, individually by name
- He is persistent; continually knocking at the door awaiting my invitation to come in
- We respond often to a teacher/mentor but we should respond to Jesus directly

- 9 We need instruction how to recognize God's voice
- The Lord speaks/works in the safety, privacy of our own home/bed
- Have a consistent place where you expect to meet the Lord

- 10 The Lord STANDS; He is not a spirit thingy
- His call is urgent, persistent; He wants to be heard
- The Lord is master, my task is to give Him the chance to speak to me

QUESTION 3

What Does God's Word Mean to Me?

[Listen to His Voice]

- 7 Who do I know who wants to know the Lord more?
- What has God's word revealed to me today?

- 8 Who or what am I relying on for spiritual teaching besides Jesus?
- Have I invited Jesus to be my teacher?

- 9 When has God spoken to me at home?
- Where can I meet the Lord consistently & privately?

- 10 Have I praised Him for His humanity?
- What is the Lord calling me urgently to do today?
- What situation am I trying to master rather than listen to Him?

RESPOND

What Will I Do to Live It Out?

[Live in Response]

TODAY I will gather my supplies and identify a place where I can begin meeting the Lord. I will set my alarm earlier to make it the first offering of my day.