



Icebreaker

Tell the group about your brothers and sisters or about a family member you were particularly close to during your childhood.

Take turns reading the first [chapter of 1 Samuel](#) as a group.

Conversation Starters

1. Samuel's family "dynamic" included built in conflict because of dual marriage. We all have family dynamics that result in positive and negative outcomes. Can you identify a family dynamic in your current family? How might this dynamic be perceived differently depending on the family member? I.e. a child, a parent, a grandparent?
2. How do current events in our country/world affect you spiritually?
3. How do you deal with bad things happening to good people?
4. Do you think God is trying to speak to our nation? How does perspective on the way God communicates impact a person's faith, daily life and the faith they pass on to others?
5. Is it hard for you to trust God with the things that are most precious in your life? Why? What would look different if you had more or less trust in God?