

Harvest Bible Chapel
Small Group Questions
August 16, 2009

Marginalizing God 2 – Samuel's Call
1Samuel 3

1. Have you ever received a phone call that completely redirected the course of your life? Tell about it.
2. Who is programmed into the speed dial of your phone? Why? Do you ever screen your calls using caller ID? Why do you not answer when you know certain people are calling? Do you get frustrated with people who never answer their phone? How do you think God feels when we don't answer his call? Do you not answer his call because you are afraid of what He might say?
3. God called Samuel three times. What does this teach us about God's activity in our lives? Read Philippians 3:10-14. At what point in our lives does the call of God expire?
4. What do the following verses tell us about the voice of the Lord?
John 10:27
Job 37:4-5
1Kings 19:12
Psa 95:7-8
5. Read 2Peter 1:16-21. Peter actually heard the voice of God when he said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Yet, he said that we have an even more sure word of prophecy than Peter or Samuel. What is that word? How does God use the scripture today to call us?
6. The New Testament mentions at least six "callings of God." Read each verse and discuss to what level you have answered each call.
 1. Called to be saved. 2Timothy 1:9
 2. Called to be sure. 2Peter 1:10
 3. Called to freedom from sin. Galatians 5:13
 4. Called to sexual purity. 1Thessalonians 4:7
 5. Called to sweet fellowship. Ephesians 4:1-3
 6. Called to suffer. 1Peter 2:20-22
7. Will you covenant together as a group to listen for the call of God in your life this week? Will you commit to get up in the middle of the night to hear from God, if he wakes you up? Will you pray this week what Samuel prayed when God called him, "Speak, LORD, for your servant hears." ? Come back next week to the group ready to share what God said to you.
8. Do you really believe that God has called you for his use? Have you been afraid, as Samuel was (v. 15), to speak boldly for the Lord? Share with your group where you need courage to speak up for the Lord. Pray for each other according to Ephesians 6:19-20.