

Sooner Youth Camp 2008 Called.

"The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times." -1 Samuel 3:10

The Idea

How do we know when the Lord "stands" by us and "calls" us to His work? What is a calling? Teenagers today struggle with the idea of calling. "I'm not special, why would God call me to do anything?" "There are others who are better so there is no way God is calling me." The reality is that God calls all of his people to a higher, more holy, more pure life. 1 Samuel is a book of calling. Samuel, Saul and David are called by God and each man reacts and lives differently from the calling. We are called. We are called to obedience. We are called to action. The Lord is calling his people to stand up and follow him.

Bible Classes

Monday: 1 Samuel 3

It took Samuel four times to realize and know that the Lord was calling. How can teens today know the Lord is calling? Look at Samuel...when he knew of the Lord, he knew the Lord was before him. The first step in hearing the call of God is knowing that God is calling. Let's help our teenagers hear that calling and know they too are called much like Samuel.

Tuesday: 1 Samuel 9, 10, 11

Saul is called by God to be king. Explore how Saul takes this calling. He feels he is 'nothing special' with nothing to offer the calling Samuel tells. In fact, Saul hides from the calling to be king (10:22). How do we often react when God calls us to something? Have the feelings of inadequacy and actions of running over taken us? Exploring the calling and our nature feelings of inadequacy sometimes will help know we are not alone and God will be with us.

Wednesday: 1 Samuel 13 & 15

"You acted foolishly." These are the words of Samuel to Saul in chapter 13. The called did not follow the command of God. Often times we follow the calling while we disobey the commands of God. Saul was called yet he did not take 'advantage' of this great calling. Being called means God is still first in our lives and our obedience is required.

Thursday: 1 Samuel 16

You have to love the underdog story. David was the last of eight and not expected to be the one Samuel would anoint. David was not even present with his brothers while Samuel looked! David was interrupted in his everyday life by God calling him to greatness. How can we seek the calling every single day in our daily lives? What an encouraging message that God will call the least likely, the most unexpected in the middle of our lives.

Friday: 1 Samuel 9, 10, 11

A calling requires obedience to God and action. We know the story of David and Goliath and the wonderful commitment and trust to God. What will be different for our teenagers when they leave Saturday? Will the calling of God still be missed or will they stand up to worldly giants when they leave the comfort of Sooner? How will they answer the calling and where will they seek their strength? Encourage and bless our teenagers to answer and know they can face everyday giants because they are CALLED.

Worship

The Idea: While classes are focused on 1 Samuel, evening worship will be focused on Jesus' calling to a higher, more holy lifestyle from Matthew 5, 6, 7.

Sunday: "Called to Shine" Matthew 5:13-16

Monday: "Called to a Different Standard" Matthew 5:21-48

Tuesday: "Called to Secret" Matthew 6:1-18

Wednesday: "Called to the One" Matthew 6:19-34

Thursday: "Called to Enter" Matthew 7:13-23

Friday: "Called to be Wise" Matthew 7:24-29