Community Group Study: The Rise of the Faithful Prophet
1 Samuel 3:1-4:1 | week of September 23

GETTING STARTED

- Pick one word to describe your general feelings toward and attitude about God's Word right now. Describe to your group why that word is an accurate description of your feelings about the Bible.

DISCUSSION & APPLICATION

<u>Read 1 Samuel 3:1-4:1.</u>

- Samuel describes a time when "the word of the Lord was rare" (3:1) and the people of God were in spiritual crisis. What does God do about that in these verses?

- What characteristics/attributes of God do we see displayed in this story?

- To contemplate times when God has been silent should make us value his Word all the more. Does it still amaze you that the great and holy God actually has something to say to you?

- What does this story tell us about what we most need when our lives, or our church, or our country, is in crisis?

- When, and why, are you tempted to lose confidence in the power of God's Word?

- It is sobering to think that starvation may not mean lack of food but lack of appetite. Is your appetite for God's Word still keen? Are there any ways in which you are refusing to listen to God?

- Are there any ways in which God's Word is rare because *you* will not speak? What will you do about this?

- **Read Hebrews 1:1-2.** We have no Samuel today. But in what sense do we have a greater word-bringer than him?

NEXT STEPS

- With your group, or on your own, pray through Psalm 119:9-16.