



Life Group Discussion Guide

May 11: 1 Samuel 4-6 --- Not Subservient

Icebreakers:

(optional) Have you ever experienced a time when God acted in a way that didn't seem to involve human hands? What did that reveal about Him?

Discussion Questions:

1. Ask someone to read **1 Samuel 5** aloud. We suggest breaking the text into portions.
 - What stands out to you from the heart of the sermon's text from Sunday?
 - Chapter 5 was only a part of the sermon's content. What stood out to you from chapter 4 leading up to it and chapter 6 after it?

Section 1: God's Sovereignty Without Human Hands (1 Samuel 4–6)

2. What is most significant in the story of the Ark being captured and returned without any human intervention?
 - *Follow-up:* What does this reveal about God's ability to act independently?
3. How do you respond to the truth that "Though no one else is godly, God is still God"?
 - *Follow-up:* Can you think of a time when God clearly worked despite people's failure or disobedience?
4. What dangers do we face when we treat God's presence or promises as mere superstitions or good luck charms—like the Israelites did with the Ark?
5. The Philistines showed fear and respect toward the Ark, even as unbelievers. What does their response teach us about taking God seriously—even when we don't fully understand Him?

Section 2: God's Glory and Reverence (Ichabod & Dagon)

6. How can we guard against living lives where God's glory is withdrawn?

7. God crushed Dagon without Israel's help. What "false gods" in life has God toppled already — or may He be toppling now?
8. Why is "some reverence" actually irreverence, as the sermon pointed out?
 - *Follow-up:* How do we slip into offering God partial worship or half-hearted devotion?

Section 3: Whole-Hearted Worship and Trust

9. Read Psalm 119:2, 10, 34. What does it look like to seek God with your whole heart in everyday life?
 - *Follow-up:* What hinders you from doing that consistently?
10. The sermon noted: "God is at work regardless of the presence of any human hand." Where do you need to trust God is working even when you can't see it?
11. How does knowing that God works independently give you hope—or challenge your control?

What's Happening in the Life of Legacy:

More details on these events can be found at lcc.org/whats-happening

All Campus

- **Advance the Kingdom:** We have exciting news in the life of Legacy! We want everyone to go "All In" on Project Advance. Learn more here: <https://lcc.org/advance/>
- **Kids Week:** June 2 – 5. 6:30 – 8:30pm.
- **Men's Softball:** June 9 – 28. Black Bob Park. Cost \$40.

Local Serving Opportunities:

How can your Life Group Hear, See and DO the Word? Here are a few opportunities:

International Students, Inc. – For more info, contact Lindsay at lindsayjblanchard@gmail.com.

- Home Goods Giveaway to bless international students and scholars relocating to the KC area. Accepting donations of new or gently used small appliances, kitchenware, linens, and furniture.

Joy Meadows – For more info, contact Sarah at sarahnolan@joymeadows.org

- Both group and individual opportunities to volunteer are available. Some opportunities include mentoring a child, helping maintain the garden and orchard, or caring for the farm animals.