

## Bible Character series of readings – week 22

### 27<sup>th</sup> March – Samuel

**Monday: 1 Samuel 2:12–26.-Dedicated to God’s service:** Samuel was born in response to prayer and his mother dedicated him to the Lord. His growth and commitment are seen in stark contrast with Eli’s natural children. Could verse 26 be honestly applied to your life as a disciple of Jesus Christ?

**Tuesday: 1 Samuel 3:1-20. Called by God:** Make verse 10 your prayer today and ask God to speak clearly into your life. Listen for his voice in your thoughts and as you pray, as well as through other people and your daily circumstances today.

**Wednesday: 1 Samuel 7: 1-14. Prayer and thanksgiving:** Samuel was a man of prayer, and when God answered prayer he set up a stone pillar to remind himself and Israel of God’s intervention. Look back over your life and list the things that God has done and give thanks to Him as you acknowledge again that “Up to this point the Lord has helped us”.

**Thursday: 1 Samuel 7: 15 - 8:21. Failure to plan:** Samuel had a great ministry but failed to plan for his succession. As a result, Israel gave in to the desire to be like other nations, and the lasting impact of his ministry could have been lost. What are you doing to pass on the baton to the next generation?

**Friday: 1 Samuel 10:17-26. Appointing a King:** Samuel doesn’t just announce Saul as King, but also emphasises his responsibilities as a leader of God’s people (v 25). How well do you pass onto others the “rights and duties” of being a disciple of Jesus?