

1. **Pray:** ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word
2. **Think:** the questions are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word
3. **Begin:** using only your Bible, answer the questions without other outside sources

Lesson Three: 1 Samuel 3:1–4:1

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1. Based on Chapter 3:1, describe the spiritual state of Israel. You may also add scriptures of previous lessons to help with your answer.
2. What do you learn about Samuel's character from verses 2–8?
3. Relate how you reply when you are called at an inconvenient time or called repeatedly.
4. What do you think verse 7 means? *"Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him."*
5. Eli realized it was the Lord calling Samuel. Why do you think Eli came to this conclusion?
6. a) What was Eli's advice to Samuel regarding God's calling in verse 9?

b) What does this teach you about responding to God's calling today?
7. Did Samuel completely obey Eli's advice in verse 10? Why or why not?

8. What was God's message to Samuel?

9. What was Samuel's immediate response to this message?

10. Eli seems to perceive that the message from God might be severe.
 - a) Why do you think he perceives this?

 - b) How did Eli respond to the message?

Going deeper:

11. a) Where do you think God might be severe in a message regarding you?

 - b) What is or would be your response?
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12. By giving forth God's message, what was the outcome for Samuel based on 3:19–4:1?