

1 Samuel 28:3-11, 15-19 (3/30/2025)

SERMON DISCUSSION: How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

READ 1 Samuel 28:3-19

1. What is the difference between “Doubt” and “Rebellion”? Discuss this within your group...
2. The story is told of a couple seeking to adopt an adolescent child... And the couple needed to choose between 2 boys. The couple asked each boy, *‘If we adopt you, will you obey us as your parents?’* And one boy said, *‘Yes, I will.’* The other boy said, *‘I’ll do the best I can.’* **Which one would YOU choose?** And **WHY?**
3. In this passage of scripture, Samuel is dead and the Lord does not seem to be answering Saul’s inquiries. So Saul goes to a “Medium”, and seeks to speak with the deceased Samuel.
Talk about what Saul seems to be seeking... Does he not have enough information? What information does he have? How is he responding to the information that he has?

4. As you think about God's "verdict" toward Saul, and the accompanying consequences (condemnation), how does this inform your understanding of God's judgment as it touches on God's "acting" and our "acting"?

How might **Romans 1:18,24** inform our understanding?

5. If this is true, then what hope do we have?

How does **Romans 5:6-10** bring hope to us?

6. How can this "hope" help and empower you to desire to trust and surrender to the Lord's authority in your life?