

# Westwood Baptist Church



*Grounded. Growing. Going.*

Worship Guide for March 5, 2023

## Sermon Notes

### God Is Not Silent

1 Samuel 3:1-21

**The Context: Spiritually speaking silence and darkness characterize the day, but there is a flicker of hope.**

*And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. 1 Samuel 3:1b & 3*

**The Call: God is not silent – He personally intervenes and reveals through his Word.**

*And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!”  
And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant hears.” 1 Samuel 3:10*

**The Certainty: God’s sure word determines the destiny of his people individually and collectively.**

*Then the LORD said to Samuel, “Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the two ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. 1 Samuel 3:11*

**The Continuation: God will continue to speak and none of his words fail.**

*And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the LORD. 1 Samuel 3:19–20*

*Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, Hebrews 1:1–2*

**Applications:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Life Group Preparation Guide

"Let the *Word* of Christ *dwell* in you(all) *richly*  
*teaching* and *admonishing* one another in all *wisdom*..."  
- Colossians 3:16a

### Focus #1: GOD

1. What does this passage reveal about the character or nature of God?
2. What does this passage reveal about God's eternal plans and purposes?
3. What does this passage reveal about how God interacts with his creation?

### Focus #2: ME

4. How does this passage reveal sin in my own mind, heart, or life?
5. In what ways does this passage help us to see how we need to be aligned with God's will?
6. What is one tangible and measurable way that the Spirit is leading me to respond to his Word?

### Focus #3: OTHERS

7. What is one truth that I can share meaningfully with someone, and with whom?
8. How can I specifically encourage someone or everyone in my Life Group from this passage?

Three contributions (reflections, questions, observations, etc.) I plan to include in our next Life Group discussion:

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- 2.
- 3.

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#### MARCH

8 Evangelism Class-Session 3 @ 6:30 p.m.  
12 Daylight Saving Time begins @ 1:00 a.m.  
\*\*15 Member's Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.\*\*  
22 Evangelism Class-Session 4 @ 6:30 p.m.  
23 Blood Drive (FLC) 10:30a.m.-3:00p.m.  
25 Women's Ministry Event @ 10:00 a.m.  
31 Mom 2 Mom Spring Consignment Sale

#### APRIL

1 Mom 2 Mom Spring Consignment Sale  
6 Maundy Thursday Service @ 7:00 p.m.  
9 Sunrise Service @ Hyco @ 6:30 a.m.