

Date: October 3, 2021
Title: *When God Disappears*
Scripture: 1 Samuel 4:1-22



Summary- *When God becomes a means to an end instead of the end itself, dangerous things start to happen. We begin to lose sight of His calling on our lives. We settle for less. And are often given exactly what we have settled for. But don't lose heart.*

Point #1-Discernment becomes _____
***1 Samuel 4:1-3a; 1 Samuel 3:1, 19-21; Joshua 7:6-10**

Point #2-Desire becomes _____
***1 Samuel 4:3b-4; Deuteronomy 20:1-4; John 5:37-40**

Point #3-Delusion becomes a stumbling block
***1 Samuel 4:5-11; 2 Chronicles 26:14-16**

What's at stake? The _____ of God among the nations.
***1 Samuel 4:12-22; Hosea 5:13-15; Acts 3:19-20**

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Questions to Discuss With Family Or Life Group

1. **What Caught Your Eye?**- *Anything that shined or stood out in the passage. Draws your attention. It can be something of importance, or strikes you as the reader.*
2. **What Made You Think?**- *Anything that was hard to understand or difficult, something that you would like to ask the writer of the passage or the Lord.*
3. **What does this passage teach us about Who God Is?**- *Anything related to His attributes and His being. It can be something that helps us to better understand who He is.*
4. **What does this passage teach us about What God Does?**-*Anything that focuses on the works of God. His actions and movement in history.*
5. **What does this passage teach us about Who We Are?**-*Anything that helps us to better understand our identity in Christ. Related to who we are in light of God's grace in our life.*
6. **What does this passage teach us about How We Are to Live?**-*Anything related to application. Can be what our response is to be. Also can be a change in how we think.*