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PRAYER

Father, thank you for inviting us to be a part of your amazing work in our city. You have called us and chosen us for your purpose. May we position ourselves to hear you when you call us to your greater calling. In Jesus' name, Amen.

WARM UP

(OPTIONAL)

What was your first job title and what were some of your responsibilities?

NOTES

WORD

¹ Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord in the presence of Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. ² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. ³ 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. ⁴ Then the Lord called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵ and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶ And the Lord called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸ And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

[1 Samuel 3:1-9](#) (ESV)

GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

1. On a scale of 1-10 (1 = no clarity, 10 = very clear), how would you rate the clarity of what God has called you to do?
2. Which of your current responsibilities do you struggle to keep in order or alignment?
3. 1 Samuel 3:1 says, "Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord in the presence of Eli." Even as a boy, Samuel had a lifestyle of worship and ministering to the Lord. How can we nurture and develop a lifestyle of worship and ministering to the Lord in our own lives?
4. 1 Samuel 3:9 says, "Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant hears.'"
Which of these do you need to implement in your relationship with God?
 1. **Go, lie down** - making yourself available for God to speak

2. **If he calls you** - not being arrogant about God speaking
 3. **Speak, Lord** - responding to the word of God
 4. **Your servant hears** - humbling yourself before God and his word
5. Is there evidence in your life that you are positioned for God's calling? If so, how does that look? If not, why not?

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