



## How to use Pod Talk:

Talking through the Bible during the week helps us practice what we are learning. Read the Sunday Bible passage, discuss what you notice, share what God is inviting you to apply to your life, and wrap up with prayer. (SOAP)

## Sermon Main Idea:

The Lord doesn't want us just to serve Him, He created us to work with Him as partners.

## Introduction:

1. What is the difference between a servant and a partner?
2. When have you had an encounter with God like Samuel?

## SOAP:

**Scripture** | read 1 Samuel 3:1-21 and relate last week's daily bible readings

**Observation** | what do we notice? what stands out?

1. Who are Samuel and Eli? (1 Samuel 1-3:1)
2. What is the situation in Israel at this time? (vs. 1)
3. How does Samuel end up recognizing and listening to God's word? (v.2-10)
4. What does the Lord say to Samuel? (vs. 11-18)
5. What happens with Samuel as a result of his partnership with God? (vs. 19-21)

**Application** | what can we apply to our life today?

1. Why does God pursue Samuel, and us, with such grace, patience and persistence?
2. How would our lives change if we truly believed God wants to partner with us in what He's doing in the world?
3. In what specific way(s) can you give God more of your attention like Samuel did?
4. What can you do this week to partner with God and do what He says at home? at church? at work?
5. How can you respond to this passage in your relationship with God (Up)? In your relationship with those in the church (In)? Or, in your relationship with those outside the church (Out)?

**Prayer** | ask God to help you live out your application

## Last Week's Daily Bible Readings

Monday, 10/9 – Exodus 16:1-18

Tuesday, 10/10 – Psalm 19

Wednesday, 10/11 – Psalm 20

Thursday, 10/12 – Psalm 21

Friday, 10/13 – Psalm 22:1-21

Weekend, 10/14–10/16 – 1 Samuel 3:1-21