

Post-Amplify | 3-12-25

SMALL GROUP GAME: Telephone

In your groups, play a few rounds of telephone (spreading God's Word, listening to His voice, etc.). Leaders or students can make up their own phrases just as long as they're appropriate! You can also look some up if you can't think of any good phrases.

Our goals for tonight are to have students S.O.A.P. a passage and debrief Jr. High Amplify Weekend.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (45 minutes)

S.O.A.P. 1 Samuel 3

Have students S.O.A.P. 1 Samuel 3. Give them about ten minutes and instruct them to be silent and focus on God's Word. When they're finished, come back together and have them talk about the questions that they answered.

Amplify Debrief

Not everyone in your group went, but there is a benefit to hearing other students' testimonies from Amplify. For group discussion, they don't have to answer these exact questions necessarily. They can share anything from Amplify that they'd like to share. We'd love direct feedback from students on what was good and any aspect of the weekend that was wrong or not as enjoyable. Take some notes during discussion time as students answer these questions and return this paper to Chris or Drew by the end of the night.

- What was your favorite part of Amplify?
 What was your least favorite part of Amplify?
 What is something you learned during Amplify?
 What was your best experience during Amplify?
- 5. If you went to Amplify next year, what is something you'd like to do or experience during the weekend that you didn't this year?

HIGH/LOW/GOD THING (15 minutes)

Depending on group size, you might split into even smaller (shepherding) groups for this. Have each student go around and identify a highlight of their week, a low point from their week and where they have seen God show up in their week. This time is to help them see God around them, to celebrate when something goes well and for them to be supported when they have had a rough week. If you're short on time, let them choose one of those three to share.

PRAY

Encourage one student to pray for the group, specifically that each member would strive to be a reflection of Jesus' trustworthiness and put their trust in Jesus this week.

1 Samuel 3

The boy Samuel was Eli's helper and served the Lord with him. At that time the Lord did not speak directly to people very often. There were very few visions. ² Eli's eyes were getting so weak that he was almost blind. One night he went to his room to go to bed. ³ The special lamp in the Lord's temple a was still burning, so Samuel lay down in the temple near where the Holy Box was. ⁴The Lord called Samuel, and Samuel answered, "Here I am." ⁵Samuel thought Eli was calling him, so he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." But Eli said, "I didn't call you. Go back to bed." So Samuel went back to bed. 6 Again the Lord called, "Samuel!" Again Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." Eli said, "I didn't call you. Go back to bed." ⁷ Samuel did not yet know the Lord because the Lord had not spoken directly to him before. [b] 8 The Lord called Samuel the third time. Again Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." Finally, Eli understood that the Lord was calling the boy. 9 Eli told Samuel, "Go to bed. If he calls you again, say, 'Speak, Lord. I am your servant, and I am listening." So Samuel went back to bed. ¹⁰ The Lord came and stood there. He called as he did before, saying, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel said, "Speak. I am your servant, and I am listening." 11 The Lord said to Samuel, "I will soon do things in Israel that will shock anyone who hears about them. 12 I will do everything I said I would do against Eli and his family, everything from the beginning to the end. 13 I told Eli I would punish his family forever. I will do this because Eli knew his sons were saying and doing bad things against God. But he failed to control them. ¹⁴That is why I swore an oath that sacrifices and offerings will never take away the sins of the people in Eli's family. [c]" ¹⁵ Samuel lay down in bed until the morning came. He got up early and opened the doors of the Lord's house. Samuel was afraid to tell Eli about the vision. 16 But Eli said to Samuel, "Samuel, my son." Samuel answered, "Yes, sir." 17 Eli asked, "What did God say to you? Don't hide it from me. God will punish you if you hide anything from the message he spoke to you." 18 So Samuel told Eli everything. He did not hide anything from him. Eli said, "He is the Lord. Let him do whatever he thinks is right." ¹⁹ The Lord was with Samuel while he grew up. He did not let any of Samuel's messages prove false. ²⁰ Then all Israel, from Dan to Beersheba, knew that Samuel was a true prophet of the Lord. ²¹ And the Lord continued to appear to Samuel at Shiloh. There he told Samuel what he wanted.

Scripture (Read 1 Samuel 3, underlining or circling anything that catches your attention.)
O bservation (What is the scripture about? What is one thing that stands out to you? What questions do you have?)
A pplication (How does what you have read change the way you are living? How does it help you understand who Jesus is better?)
P rayer (Write out a prayer, asking God to help apply what you just read.)