

## 4 Christ Centered Conversations with your Children

*Sermon Message: REFOCUS —  
Let's Not Forget Why We're Here*  
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### Question #1

#### Preschool

Mark 1:16-20 When Jesus called, what did people do? Who did Jesus see?

#### Kg-1st

Isaiah 42:8 (J– Jealous)

Jealous means that God will not share His glory with any other. Why does God protect His honor?

#### 2nd-3rd

Exodus 25 & Leviticus 16 (Lesson 20)

Why did God want the people to build a tabernacle? Who was the mediator between God and the people on the Day of the Atonement?

#### 4th-5th

Psalms 47:2—El Elyon (Lesson 18)

Define El Elyon and explain how this matters to you.

#### Middle School

Matthew 5:27-30

“How can you protect what you think about?”

#### High School

What do you think Isaiah meant when he said: “Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy?” (Isaiah 55:2 NIV)?

Translate that into terms for your life.

### Question #2

#### Worship/Sermon

How are each of us participating in the strategy of the church and fulfilling the mission of helping people get to God, grow in Christ, and give to others?

### Question #3

#### Family devotion

What is something God has revealed to you in your personal devotion this week?

### Question #4

#### Community

How can we partner with God this week to minister to the family we are investing in?

**IF WE DON'T \_\_\_\_\_ GOD, HE WILL  
\_\_\_\_\_ WITHOUT US & RAISE UP OTHERS  
TO \_\_\_\_\_ HIS WORK.**  
1 Samuel 2:12-26 (Pew Bible Pages 191, 192)

**GOD HAS CALLED US TO \_\_\_\_\_ DISCIPLES THAT  
\_\_\_\_\_ DISCIPLES THAT \_\_\_\_\_ THE  
WORLD.**  
Matthew 28:19-20 (Pew Bible Page 706)  
Acts 17:6 (Pew Bible Page 785)

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## **A C L O S E R L O O K**

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### **Eli's Worthless Sons**

1. What do we learn about Eli's sons in verse 12?
2. In verse 17 we find, "Thus the sin of the young men was very great in the sight of the Lord." What was the sin referred to in this verse?
3. How did Eli respond to the sin of his sons in verses 22-25? How did Eli's sons respond to him?
4. What was the ultimate consequence of their sin (1 Samuel 4:11)?

### **God Raises Up Samuel**

1. What do we learn about Samuel in verses 18-21 and 26?

## **L I F E A P P L I C A T I O N**

1. Why do you think Eli's sons rebelled against God while Elkanah and Hannah's son, Samuel, served God?
2. Can a Christian parent ensure that their children will always walk with God?
3. How did God treat Eli's sons when they did not obey God?
4. What happens to us when we do not obey God and His Word?
5. How does our sin affect our participation in God's work?
6. Read 1 John 1:9. What does this passage instruct us to do if we are living in rebellion and sinning against God. What do we need to do? What does God say He will do?