

Cole Community Church Growth Groups
Study Questions for 1 Samuel 7: 3-17
Week of October 24 - 28, 2011

“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”
Matthew 6:33 (NIV)

- Q. 1. Verses 3 – 6, about of repentance in Israel.**
- (a) Verse 4:2 finished the “ark narrative”; what does that verse tell us about the timing of the events described in verses 3 – 6?**
 - (b) What has happened to the faith of the people of Israel?**
 - (c) How does Samuel respond? What are the two most important points of Samuel’s preaching to the people? Why is the sequence of events important?**
- Q. 2. Verses 7 – 11, the Battle of Mizpah.**
- (a) Why do the Philistines attack now?**
 - (b) Why did the Israelites fear?**
 - (c) Who wins the battle and how is it accomplished?**
 - (d) What is the key to this victory?**
- Q. 3. Verse 12. What is the symbolism of the stone? Do you think the people of God have learned God’s lesson? (Hint, peek at next week’s passage.)**
- Q. 4. Verses 6 and 13 – 17. From this point on, what is Samuel’s role in Israel and how does he fulfill it?**
- Q. 5. Samuel sought “first his kingdom and his righteousness” as Jesus taught in Matthew 6:33. How did it work out for him? How might it work out for us?**