

Cole Community Church Growth Groups
Study Questions for 1 Samuel 4
Week of October 2-8, 2011

A REALLY BAD DAY FOR ISRAEL AND ELI'S FAMILY

Share examples where you might have had a bad day!

Israel and Eli are having a really bad day. Read Chapter 4.

List all the examples of Israel and Eli having a very bad day.

What might be the significance of certain events:

Blaming the Lord for the loss of life and battle?

The shouts of confidence when the ark arrives at the battle?

The sons of Eli leading the ark into battle?

Israel loosing 34,000 men in two battles?

The ark of the Lord is captured?

Eli, his two sons, the daughter-in-law, 30,000 men die on the same day?

Naming the son, Ichabod?

Why is the writer of this book wanting us to hear the interaction between Eli and the Benjamite?

Where is Samuel during this chapter? How would he have reacted to the death of his high priest? Why is he not mentioned until Chapter 7:3? (20 years later, 7:2)

What is this scripture teaching us about how God worked then and how God works in our lives now?