

STUDY GUIDE: “The Hubris”

Discussion Starters

1. Have you ever waited on an important call, email or other correspondence? What was that like?
2. Have you ever called out to God and He did not answer you?

Questions from the Text

Read 1 Samuel chapters 4-7

3. Why did the Israelites take the Ark of the Covenant into battle after losing to the Philistines the first time? Do you think this was wise? What is the value of the ark of the covenant?
4. Eli, Hophni, and Phinehas' death is a call back to what prophecy? What does this teach us about God's judgment?
5. What are some of the things that God did to the Philistines to show that He is the one true God?
6. Why Does God allow an unbelieving nation like the Philistines to defeat His people in battle?

7. Why did the Ark of the Covenant sit at Kiriath-jearim for 20 years? Why didn't the Israelites immediately return it to the tabernacle?

Taking It Home

8. Is God calling you to turn from idols and turn to Him right now?

Understanding Narratives Extra Credit

9. What is the clue in the narrative that shows that this story has a happy ending?