

SAMUEL, THE LEADER - Helped by God -

1 Samuel 7

1. Samuel, the Preacher (vs 1-4)

instructing God's people

➤ *what prompts people to seek God?*

God uses many means v2

➤ *how should we seek God? v3*

- wholeheartedly

Jer 29.11,13; James 1.5-8

- get rid of all rivals

Mat 6.24; Mark 8.38

- serve only God John 10.27-29

2. Samuel, the Pray-er (vs 5-12)

interceding for God's people vs5,9

- crying to the Lord on behalf of others

- a key aspect of leadership 12.23

- a function of Jesus, Holy Spirit
John 17; Heb 7.25; Rom 8.26-27
- a role for the church *1 Tim 2.1-4*

➤ **Top Tips for Prayer**

- be in earnest *v6*
- begin with confession *v6*
1 John 1.8-9
- be specific *vs7-8*
- be persistent *v8;*
Mat 7.7-8; 2 Cor 11.8-9
- be prepared for surprises *v10*
Eph 3.20-21
- be grateful for answers *v12*

3. Samuel, the Peacemaker (vs 13-17)
initiating oversight for God's people

- *peace from enemies vs 13-14*
- *taking God's word to God's people*
vs 15-16
- *a life rooted in worship v17*
Heb 13.12