

Wednesday Bible Study
1 Samuel 4:12-22

1. In verse 13, it says that the whole town sent up a cry. What is the significance of this event?
 - a. There was a deep despair that set in.
 - b. Israel realized they were nothing without the favor of their God.
 - c. There was a dread of the Philistines and all of the other peoples there.
 - d. In their thinking, not only the power of God, but God Himself was not involved.
 - e. Other. _____

2. When hearing the news about what happened, how did Eli respond?

3. Do you think that Eli had a more difficult time hearing about his sons or about the Ark? Why?

4. What do you think is the legacy of Eli?

- a. His specific leadership.
- b. His sons.
- c. Samuel.
- d. The unprecedented capture of the Ark under his leadership.
- e. Other. _____

5. What kind of legacy do you want to leave behind?

- a. "He was a good guy."
- b. "She really loved her family."
- c. "This was a generous person."
- d. "He was a hard worker."
- e. "She was really intelligent!"
- f. Other. _____

6. To read this story about Eli, his sons, and the daughter-in-law, what could this say about not messing around with God?

7. How has this study spoken to you for your specific context?
