# Samuel: A life well lived in difficult times

## 6. A life of significance 1 Samuel 25, Psalm 88, Jeremiah 15

# What kind of legacy do you hope to leave?

## Samuel’s legacy

### 2 books named after him even though he dies 3/4 of the way through the first one

### A life of godly service

### The last of the Judges

### The anointer of the first 2 kings of Israel

### The teacher of the way that is good and right (1Sa12:23)

## These were not his greatest contributions

# God wants each person to make a difference

## He knows you are poor starting material

### Your weakness can show His strength

### Your brokenness can demonstrate His power to mend

### Your hopelessness can express His grace

## Your walk with Him can leave a great legacy

# Samuel’s walk with God left a personal legacy

## He left a family line (Joel and Abijah)

## He left written records (1 Chr 29:29)

## People mourned when he died (1 Sam 25:1)

# Samuel’s walk with God left a family legacy

## He left a family legacy even though his sons, Joel and Abijah, chose not to follow his standards

### Heman, his grandson, (Ps88) and many more after him were good Levites

#### God rescues nations when they call on Him

#### God rescues individuals when they call on him

# Samuel’s walk with God left a leadership legacy

## He pioneered a kingship under God

### A legacy that held kings to account for the next 400 years

## He set up a young leaders’ factory

### The ‘sons of the prophets’ based at Gibeah, Gilgal and Bethel

#### Still going 200 years later when Elisha was around

# Samuel’s walk with God left a lasting legacy

## He’s cited next to Moses by God to Jeremiah (Jer 15:1)

## He’s written about in Ps 99 as someone whose prayers were answered by God

## Peter & Paul both mention him in their preaching about Jesus (Acts 3:24 & 13:20)

## He is named among the heroes of faith in Hebrews 11

### Who conquered kingdoms, administered justice and gained what was promised

# How did Samuel walk with God?

## He listened to God

## He followed the Lord wholeheartedly

## He was spirit filled

## He never let go of his heritage (a nazirite)

## He prayed

### If you want to leave a legacy, make sure it’s not just money – let people know that your walk with God is your greatest treasure

# Homegroup/Private study questions

# Leaving a legacy

## Apart from money…

### What kind of legacy would you like to leave to your family?

### What kind of legacy would you like to leave at your place of work?

### What kind of legacy would you like to leave to the church?

#### How can you go about achieving these legacies?

#### How would you want these legacies to be recognised?

##### A notice? A plaque? A special holiday? An annual toast? A special service? Your vision continued?

### How would you describe a ‘legacy of love’ and how valuable do you think it is?

# Jesus’ legacy

## What was Jesus’ legacy for the world?

## What was Jesus’ legacy for the church?

## What was Jesus’ legacy to you?

# Making a difference

## How far do you agree that God wants each person to make a difference?

### In what ways can the severely handicapped/disabled make a difference?

### How can we help those who are severely limited make a difference?

# Your walk with God

## What habits help your walk with God?

## What practices hinder it?

### How do you discern these things?