

GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS WEEK OF JUNE 21 2015  
FAILURE IS NOT AN OPTION I SAMUEL 4:1-22

*Take a little time to review this week's sermon. Using your sermon notes and your Bible, answer the following questions before the group meeting. Write out your answers so you'll feel more comfortable sharing them with the group. Have a great time!*

**I. Getting to Know You**

Tell us a little about your family and how you think it has impacted you.

**II. Digging Deeper**

1. How was Israel's defeat in battle linked to Eli and his sons (cf. I Sam 2:34 & 4:1-4)? How much of an impact do you think the quality of homes have on the fabric and fortunes of a nation?
2. How did the actions of the Israelite leadership in 4:2-3 show that their relationship with God was ritualistic?

3. Did God risk His honor by allowing the Ark to be taken (cf 4:5-11)? What does that tell us about God's attitude toward ritualism?

4. What do you think Eli's daughter-in-law meant by "the glory is departed"( I Sam 4:19-22)? What would be a modern day equivalent of that thought?

**III. Making it Personal**

5. How important to you is success in your God-given roles? Are you intentionally and vigorously trying to fulfill the responsibilities God has given you – especially regarding your family?
6. Are you prone to resignation or ritual in your life? List 2 or 3 steps that we can take to fight these spiritual maladies.

**IV. Prayer**