

# GROWTH



# TEAMS

**Week Beginning  
Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

## Going deeper

1 Thessalonians is one of Paul's earliest letters written to a church he planted in Macedonia, which is now Northern Greece (cf. Acts 17:1-9). In this opening section he rejoices and describes what it meant for them to become Christians.

## Read 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

5. What difference had becoming Christians made to the way the Thessalonians lived their lives?
6. How had God helped in their conversion?
7. What role did Paul, Silas and Timothy play?
8. What had been reported about the church in Thessalonica?
9. How does all this mirror what the Israelites did in 1 Samuel 7?

***Now do the applying it to our lives questions...***

## Growth Team News

This week we take a break from the book of Romans and look at Samuel, a character the children have been studying in Sunday Club. We will return to Romans next week and pick up on the book of 1 Samuel and the story of David later in the summer.

Explore Groups are also continuing this week with Discipleship Explored.

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## Samuel, the Judge

1 Samuel 7: 2-17 (page 277)

Space to take notes on the talk

The Problem of \_\_\_\_\_ - 1 Sam. 4

The P\_\_\_\_\_ of True Faith - 1 Sam. 7

• True Faith is \_\_\_\_\_ - vs. 3

• True Faith is \_\_\_\_\_ - vs. 8

• True Faith is \_\_\_\_\_ - vs. 15

### Starter question

❖ Are there any prayers that you wish God had said, 'Yes' to?

### Responding to the talk

1. What issue from this week's talk do you most hope to discuss?
2. Read 1 Samuel 4:1-11
  - a. Why did the Israelites bring the Ark into battle?
  - b. What effect did the Ark have on the Philistines?
  - c. How do you think the Israelites would have felt about God after this defeat? (cf. 4:21-22)
3. Read 1 Samuel 7:2-6
  - a. What does Samuel say Israel needed to do to gain God's help?
  - b. How does Israel respond? What shows they are sincere?
  - c. How does this response contrast with their response in chapter 4?
4. Read 1 Samuel 7:7-17
  - a. Why are Israel afraid of the Philistines? What do they ask Samuel to do?
  - b. Who wins the battle? Why does Samuel set up the stone, 'Ebenezer'?
  - c. What is the long-term result of all these events?

*You may like to do the 'Going Deeper' questions over the page.*

### Applying it to our lives

10. Someone says, "I've tried praying, but it didn't work!" How might you respond to them in the light of what we've learnt?
11. What kind of 'idols' are Christians tempted to follow today as well as God? How can we ensure we serve God alone?