

# Through The Bible In One Year

## The Adventure of Many Lifetimes

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### Theme: The Words of Eternal Life

#### Week 19 Small Group Bible Study & Sunday School Lesson

#### Open (Sharing our Own Stories & Getting To Know One Another)

1. What people or organizations seek to influence us with their words? 2. How do we decide if their words are true? 3. To what extent does the reputation of the speaker affect our acceptance of their words?

#### Going Deeper Into God's Word Together

##### Read aloud 1 Samuel 12.13-25; Psalm 107.33-42; John 6.53-69

Samuel: 1. Samuel tells the Israelites that if they follow the Lord, all will be good. If they do not, his hand will be against them. To what extent do Christians today believe this and act accordingly? 2. The Israelites stand in awe because Samuel's prayers brought the miracle of thunder and rain. Do Christians today need miracles to believe and repent? If not, what do they need? 3. Samuel says that he will not sin against God and fail to pray for the Israelites. What does this say to Christians about the need for prayer for others?

Psalm: 1. Like the psalmist, where in the physical world do we see God's handiwork? 2. What can needy believers expect from God? 3. What can the wicked expect?

John: 1. What is the meaning of Jesus' words: 'Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life.'? 2. Jesus says his words are 'spirit' and 'life.' What does this mean for Christians? 3. Peter responds to Jesus' question if he will also leave him with the words: 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.' To whom or what are Christians sometimes tempted to turn to when in difficulty, instead of to Jesus? What problems can that create?

#### Reflecting On What God Is Telling Us:

1. Whose words have the greatest effect on you? \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ family \_\_\_\_\_ co-workers \_\_\_\_\_ media \_\_\_\_\_ other
2. What is needed in your life in order to have Jesus' words increase in importance and others' words to decrease?

#### Applying/Putting Into Practice What God's Told Us

What words of God's love will you offer to another this week?