

Argyle Study Guide for Sep 20 (1 Samuel)

1. What are the two greatest commandments?
2. God chose **Samuel** for what 3 important roles? _____, _____, and _____.
3. In 1 Sam 2:35, God told Eli, "I will raise up for myself a faithful priest, who shall do according to what is in my _____ and in my _____."
 - a. Who was God talking about?
4. How does a prophet serve God?
5. After Samuel led Israel into a victorious war against the Philistines, he set up a monument to whom? _____
6. During Samuel's retirement speech in chapter 12, how did the people say Samuel had treated them?
7. God chose **Saul** for what important role? _____
8. How did Saul do in "loving God with all his heart" during these 3 battles:
 - a. The Ammonites in chapter 11? (Discuss/defend your answers)
 - b. The Philistines in chapters 13-14?
 - c. The Amalekites in chapter 15?
9. After Saul led Israel into a victorious war against the Philistines, he set up a monument to whom? _____
10. How did Saul do in "loving his neighbor as himself" and what grade would you give him?
11. How did David do in following the two greatest commandments? Defend your answer using today's teaching and/or the one 2 weeks ago.
12. What did each of these represent in today's teaching?
CANE: _____ MIRROR: _____ SWORD: _____
13. How would you grade yourself on following the 2 greatest commandments. (You don't need to discuss your answers, this might be very personal)

Answer Key: (1) See Matt 22:37-38) (2) Priest, Prophet, and Judge (3) heart & mind (4) As God's spokesman, giving God's message to a person or group (5) God [Ebeneser Stone] (6) fairly and honestly (7) king (8) a – he did well; b – poorly, since he offered the sacrifice himself, made excuses, and made a rash vow that detracted from the victory and could have resulted in his own son's death; c – poorly, since he didn't complete the job as God had instructed and made excuses again (9) himself (10) Steve gave him a D- for his treatment of David... defend your own grade (11) Despite his many sins, David seemed to truly love God with all his heart, soul, and mind; he didn't do as well with loving his neighbor as himself (12) Cane: Samuel leaned on God...he loved, served, and respected God his entire life; Mirror: Saul seemed more concerned about his image...what people thought of him vs what God thought; Sword: Saul fought against God's will. He knew that God chose David to be the next king, but Saul did everything he could to sabotage God's plan.