

# How to Lose the Glory of God – 1 Samuel 4:1-22

## *Message Discussion Guide*

### Discover

- Which statement or experience stood out to you from the worship service?
- Read 1 Samuel 4:3-5, 10-11.
  - Why did the Israelites choose to bring the Ark of God into the battle?
  - What caused the confidence of the soldiers to rise in verse 5? Why was their confidence misplaced? What should they have put their confidence in?
  - What lesson can we learn from verses 10-11?
- Read 1 Samuel 4:19-22.
  - What is the glory of God?
  - What did Phinehas' wife mean when she said the glory had departed?

### Respond

- What sins are we tolerating as a country or as a church? What sins are you tolerating in your life?
- How can our prayers better demonstrate that God is not merely a tool we use to lift up our lives, but it the focus of our worship and adoration?

### Bonus Question for Thinkers

- In what way did the Ark of the Covenant of God represent God? What was the role of the Ark in the people's worship of God?