

*Remembrance*

**A CLOSER LOOK**

**AT COMMUNION**

*Thanksgiving*

*Fellowship*

**Message Series**  
**6/22, 6/29, & 7/6**

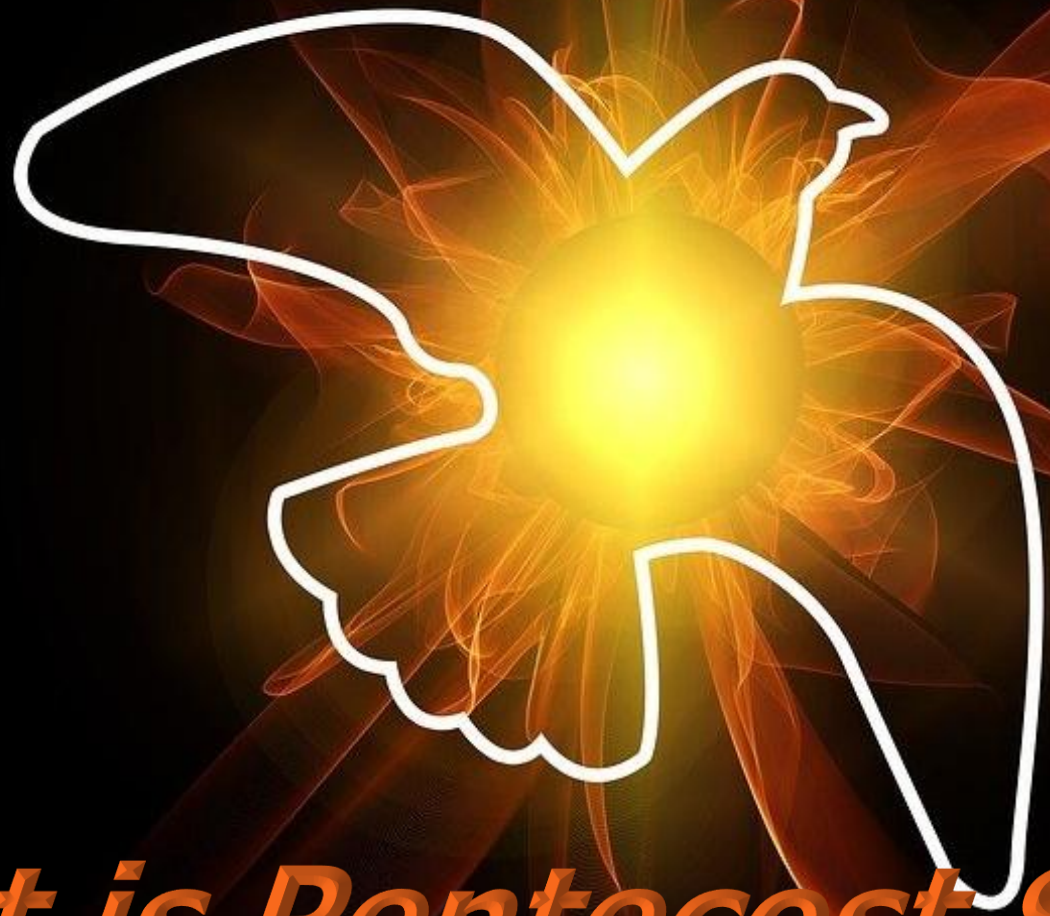




# TACKLING TOUGH QUESTIONS

What are the 4 views of Baptism?  
June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6 -7:30 pm

And... why does LWCC hold to our  
view as the most biblically accurate?



*What is Pentecost Sunday?*



# **1 SAMUEL**

**(Heard by God)**

*A powerfully, true story with shadows & types  
of the coming Prophet, Priest, & King*



**When We Seek  
and Listen to God,  
The Holy Spirit...**

# Leading Up to 1 Samuel Chapter 3

2091 B.C./ 1859 B.C. - Abrahamic Covenant/ Messianic tribe identified

1446 B.C./ 1399 B.C. – Exodus occurs/ Tabernacle set in Shiloh

1140 B.C. Ruth 4 – Ruth gives birth to Obed, David's grandfather

1100 B.C./ 1096 B.C. 1 Samuel 1 – Samuel is born/ He is given to Eli

1096 B.C. 1 Samuel 2 – Eli's sons Hophni and Phinehas stole Yahweh's sacrifice & slept with the women serving at the door of the tabernacle

1096 B.C. 1 Samuel 2 – A prophet comes to Eli and prophesies judgment against his priestly family for grievous disobedience

**1 Samuel 3:1-6 (LSB)** <sup>1</sup> Now the young boy Samuel was ministering to Yahweh before Eli. And word from Yahweh was rare in those days; visions were infrequent. <sup>2</sup> And it happened at that time as Eli was lying down in his place (now his eyesight had begun to fade, *and* he could not see *well*), <sup>3</sup> and the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of Yahweh where the ark of God *was*, that Yahweh called Samuel; and he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup> Then he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; go back, lie down." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup> Then Yahweh called yet again, "Samuel!" So Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he answered, "I did not call, my son; go back, lie down."

Hearing audibly from God is rare. Yet the Holy Spirit and the enemy often speak to our hearts. Do you recognize whose voice speaks?



**1 Samuel 3:7-10 (NIV)** <sup>7</sup> Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup> A third time the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup> So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and **if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'**" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. <sup>10</sup> The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then **Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."**

*When we are young in our walk, we often don't recognize the Lord's voice to our heart, but as we abide in His word and in prayer His voice becomes clearer*

*Even from a young age, Samuel desired to know God's direction and follow His will. Sometimes the best way to hear His voice is to be still*

**In prayer, do you patiently listen for the Spirit's voice without convincing your heart you've heard what you want to hear?**



**1 Samuel 3:11-17 (NKJV)** <sup>11</sup> Then the LORD said to Samuel: "Behold, I will do something in Israel at which both ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. <sup>12</sup> In that day I will perform against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup> For I have told him that I will judge his house forever for the iniquity which he knows, because his sons made themselves vile, and he did not restrain them. <sup>14</sup> And therefore

I have sworn to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever." <sup>15</sup> So Samuel lay down until morning, and opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel was afraid to tell Eli the vision. <sup>16</sup> Then Eli called Samuel and said,

"Samuel, my son!" And he answered, "Here I am." <sup>17</sup> And he said, "What is the word that *the Lord* spoke to you? Please do not hide *it* from me. God do so to you, and more also, if you hide anything from me of all the things that He said to you."

Are you willing to hear the hard things and share hard things with love?

**1 Samuel 3:18-21 (ESV)** <sup>18</sup> So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And he said, "It is the LORD. Let him do what seems good to him." <sup>19</sup> And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup> And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the LORD.

<sup>21</sup> And the LORD appeared again at Shiloh, for the LORD revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the LORD.

*As much as Eli failed in his leadership role, he recognized Yahweh's word and submitted to it.*

*Just as God revealed Himself to Samuel at the tabernacle (in Shiloh), we as His living temple (the church) are called to represent Him and point all to King Jesus.*

*God can do amazing and miraculous things through those who are consistently obedient.*

Unlike most generations before us, we have easy access to have God revealed to us through His word. Do we earnestly seek Him through it?