

# 1 Samuel 4:1b-5:12

*Pray*

*Sermon headings:*

*Don't take God lightly*

- 1. Superstition*
- 2. Worship*
- 3. Rivals*

## ***Read 1 Samuel 4:1b-11***

1. How do you think the Israelites are treating God in this episode? Give your reasons.
2. What do you think God is teaching Israel, and us, through their comprehensive defeat?
3. How could we slip into similar behaviour today?

## ***Read 1 Samuel 4:12-22***

4. How does the name Ichabod help us to understand what has happened and why?
5. How can we see this illustrated in the lives of Eli and his sons? (Think back to chapter 2.)

6. Read Romans 12:1. How might we withhold proper worship from God today?

***Read 1 Samuel 5:1-12***

7. What do we learn about God from this episode?
8. How can we tell whether we are harbouring idols in our hearts?
9. How can we help each other to keep ourselves from idolatry?

*Take time to share prayer requests and to pray about the things you've discussed.*