

Sermon Application Study

June 8th, 2025

Target Passage → 1 Samuel 5:1-12

1. Why do you think the Philistines respond the way they do to the increasing signs of God's displeasure?
2. How do you see God's compassion for the Philistines in this passage?
3. Can you think of more modern examples where people try to have their own beliefs or ideas, but add God to them as an addition?
4. How should the way that God interacts with the people help shape how we interact with people of other faiths, or with unbelievers?

Bridge Passages (for further study) → Romans 3:10-18, 1 Peter 3:8-16

For Me →

1. Where are some areas in your life where you have seen your life in Christ move you from behavior in the first list in Romans 3, to the second in 1 Peter 3?
2. What kinds of things keep you from being ready to share the reason for your hope in Christ?

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray that God would help you to be ready to both live out and defend the hope you have in Christ.

For the Mission →

Mission should always be a combination of demonstrating Christ's love for people and sharing the hope of our faith with them. What are some ways that you have seen this done well? What about times people tried to do one or the other, but not both?