



# SPX Small Groups

*Life is Better Together*



 AN SPX MESSAGE SERIES

Unstuck: Week 3 – January 17  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 1) Think of a time when someone tried to tell you something and you needed it repeated 3 or more times before you took note of it. Why did it take so long for you to “get” the message?
- 2) In the first reading (1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19), God speaks to Samuel while he is sleeping, but Samuel assumes it is his teacher Eli that has been calling him.
  - a. Can you think of a time when God helped steer you on the correct path through another person?
  - b. Have you ever thought someone was “just talking to you” but later understood their words were a message from God?
- 3) When you need to make a big decision, whose input do you seek out? Why do you trust them? Are they more likely to give advice or ask questions?
- 4) Do you mostly seek advice from people who are likely to confirm what you already think, or do you look for people who will challenge you?
- 5) John the Baptist recognizes that Jesus is the Messiah and points this out to two of his disciples, who immediately go and begin to follow Jesus. Is there anyone in your life that you trust so deeply that you would make life altering decisions based on what they say? Would it matter if their advice were unsolicited or would you only listen if you had asked for their opinion?
- 6) Have you ever felt stuck and in looking back, realized you had ignored the advice of other people? Why was their advice not compelling at the time?
- 7) Watch the small group extra and discuss.
- 8) God sometimes uses people that aren’t trusted friends to tell us something we need to hear. Can you think of a time when a message from God came from an unexpected source? Were you open to the message at the time, or did you reject it because of the source?