

## Discussion Questions – Eli's Sons and the Ark of the Covenant

Read I Samuel 4

- What is the Ark of the Covenant?
- Why was it so important not to touch the Ark?
- Who was the only person allowed into the Holy of Holies where the Ark of the Covenant was kept? (the priest - Eli)
- What's in the Ark? (Ten Commandments)
- What happens to Eli's sons? (They are killed in the battle and the Ark is stolen.)
- What does this news do to Eli? (He drops dead on the spot. - I Sam 4:14-18)
- How many are familiar with the movie, "The Raiders of the Lost Ark?"
- What is the premise of the story?
- Do you remember how everything was booby-trapped to keep people from getting close to the ark?
- What happens when the Philistines take the ark? (I Sam 5)
- Who is Dagon? (the national god of the Philistines)
- How is the story of the Philistines and the ark similar to the story of "The Raiders of the Lost Ark?"
- Do you think the movie writers got the background of the movie from the Bible?
- What happens when they send the Ark away? (I Sam 6-7)
- What do you learn from this experience?