



Session 2: CALLED!
Suggested Week of Use: June 12, 2016
Core Passages: 1 Samuel 3:1-10,17-21

News Story Summary

To meet the demands of the public, Microsoft and Facebook have partnered together to lay an undersea cable that will reach from Virginia Beach, Virginia to Bilbao, Spain. Running cables under the sea began in 2010 when Google invested in a cable between the United States and Japan. Now Google has plans to invest in five more, while Microsoft has plans for four more, Facebook two, and Amazon one. These companies have used satellites to run traffic between the continents, but have determined that they are not fast nor good enough. The undersea cables help companies meet the growing demand for high speed and reliable connections for information and communication services.

(For more on this story, search the Internet using the phrase “Microsoft Facebook partnership.”)

Focus Attention

After the group arrives, talk about the ways people use cell phone. Ask group members to share their most important uses for their cell phone. Ask: *How has cell phone use changed the way we communicate?* Share the news story about the undersea cables. Ask: *What does the demand for undersea cables say about communication in the future?* Emphasize the need for hearing clearly when being addressed by another person.

Explain that today’s lesson focuses on God’s call to Samuel. Challenge the group to look for the importance of listening intently when addressed by God.

Challenge

Remind the group of the news story. Explain that technology makes it possible for us to be connected to people who live on the other side of the world and to clearly hear them if we are willing to listen. Explain that we need to listen for God’s voice. Challenge group members to take time this week to put away all technology for the purpose of listening for the voice of God.