

Motivation for John 1: 35-42

In the first reading of this Sunday, God calls Samuel by name, but Samuel misinterprets this call, thinking it is Eli calling him. Perhaps sometimes in our lives, like Samuel, we settle for the most obvious, logical conclusion, rather than recognising that it is God acting in our lives. It is not until Samuel has a teacher, instructing him how to respond to God's call, that Samuel is able to see beyond the limits of objective reality and open himself up to receive the Word of God.

Like Samuel, you probably have a teacher, or teachers, who have helped you to open up to receive God's Word in Lectio. Maybe the leader of your Lectio Group, a friend, or relative. I invite you to think of them now; what would they say to you to open you up to God's Word now?

The Gospel we are about to listen to is also sprinkled with teachers- people pointing us in the right direction and the ultimate teacher, with all authority, Jesus, who welcomes us into his home. Our teacher sees us and knows us and is speaking directly to us now. Are we listening and paying attention?

'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'