

SHARE Group Discussion Guide

Text: 1 Samuel 7:11-14

Sermon Title: Stone of Gratitude

Introduction:

- Have several people share an experience of visiting a memorial. (This could be a war memorial, grave site, civil rights or other memorials). What was moving about this experience? Why?
- Why do we need reminders like this about history?

Getting Into the Text:

Read 1 Samuel 7:11-14

- Why does Samuel set up a stone? The stone represents what?
- The stone of deliverance represent difficulties that God has brought us through. How does this help stabilize our faith?
- No two stones are exactly alike. What does being different demonstrate?

- Discuss what the stone rolled away from the tomb represent and compare the rolled away stone from the icon of the cross.
- Which is a more accurate representation of our faith?

Taking it Home:

- What difference does the stone being rolled away from the tomb make in our lives?
- The stone of gratitude: What “memorials” have you set up to remind you of when God has greatly blessed you? How can you work to keep track of God’s faithfulness in your life?
- How often should we count our blessings? Why?