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They just don't get it.

- ▶ Ever experience this?
- ▶ People are having an argument...
- ▶ Ever try to convince someone of your point of view and... they're just not getting it?
- ▶ Am I just talking to a wall?
- ▶ Especially something Biblical. You can always argue, defend God's truths!

Do people think they have life all figured out?

- ▶ They think their all good. Always right.
- ▶ At least in the way they act.
- ▶ People are big talkers, aren't they?
- ▶ They act like they have all the answers.
- ▶ They act like they have it all together.
- ▶ But, when their alone, truly alone, with nothing but their own mind and soul, no distractions... what then?

Here in 1 Samuel 5-6:

- ▶ The **Philistines** *think* they won.
- ▶ They *think* they defeated Israel's God.
- ▶ Defeated Yahweh, the God of Israel.
- ▶ Why they *have* the Ark of God!
- ▶ **Israel** just lost, and is now, by their own choosing without the Lord.
- ▶ "*Ichabod*," the glory's departed. [Last week]
- ▶ Now God Himself, is responsible for their military loss to the Philistines.
- ▶ They are without the LORD *symbolized* by the loss of the ark.
- ▶ Don't make the ark your idol!!

Now God takes over!!

- ▶ And now *He* is the One working.
- ▶ He makes some strong statements!
- ▶ He makes some powerful moves!
- ▶ And what is their response?
- ▶ He is **STILL**, not welcome in their lives!
- ▶ In the Philistines, the "lost"...
- ▶ In Israel, the "saved."



Now God takes over!!

- ▶ As we said last week: "One of the most frightening judgments from God is for Him to accept the reality that He is no longer welcome in your life!"
- ▶ That's free will. It's your choice.
- ▶ You choose – then God works in your life!
- ▶ What can we learn about God's work from this text, AND, do we, (do you) get it?

God will be worshipped! But people don't get it!

2 points, 2 perspectives:

I. The Philistines don't get it (5-6:12)

- A. They thought they had the upper hand.
- B. God's judgment! (5:3-7) a ritual execution of Dagon!
- C. Their questions.
THEY RECOGNIZE THE GOD WHO IS JUDGING THEM, BUT NOTHING ELSE!
- D. Their hesitancy.
- E. They return the ark.

II. The Israelites don't get it (6:13-21)

- A. To the Levitical city of Beth-Shemesh
- B. The proper treatment of the ark (v.16)
- C. God's judgment (v.19)
- D. They behave like the Philistines (vs.20-21)
- E. Asked Kirjath-jearim to come get it. (v.21)

CONCLUSION:

- God takes a defeat, and makes His own victory against the Philistines!
 - But nobody gets it!
 - You know who's missing here? Samuel.
 - Because of the lack of spirituality and Godliness in Israel at this time?
 - He shows up in (7:3) calling them to repentance - to return to the Lord.
 - What has God been doing in your life?
- Don't say: I don't know...
- Are **you** getting it?