

Hannah – 1 Samuel 1:1-28

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Intro:

- What was “the takeaway” (the most important point) from Sunday’s sermon and/or the sermon text, in your opinion?
- What insight from Sunday’s sermon did you find most helpful, or eye opening, or troubling (pick any or all of the above)?

Group Questions:

- How does understanding the historical background of 1 Samuel help you understand our current culture and what God’s wants to do today?
- Look at **vs. 10-11** and discuss the tension between Hannah’s pain and her devotion to God. *Give me a son... (her cry) he will be yours (her devotion)*. Discuss how you live with this tension of crying out for something from God and remaining devoted despite what the outcome might be.
- How hard do you think it was for Hannah to say what she said in **vs. 11** in giving back to God this child? Were they just words? (Look also at **vs. 28**).
- Note in **vs. 17-18** how different Hannah seemed from earlier on. What has brought about this change? What burden do you need to turn over to God right now?

Take time to pray for each other around the four R’s from Sunday’s application:

Reveal – Pray that God would help you be more transparent with Him and with each other. God’s desire is that we would be in authentic community where we walk with each other no matter how messy it gets.

Release – Pray that God would help you trust Him with the things that matter most to you. Pray for those things you are trying to hold on to and control.

Repent – Take time to confess corporately your need to surrender more fully. Ask God to help your small group press in more completely to His word and His will.

Resolve – Take time to affirm your trust in God, His word and His plan for your life. Commit to trusting Him more fully.