

GROUP STUDY GUIDE

WEEK OF MAY 8, 2022

In honor of Mother's Day, this week's discussion centers around the story of Hannah.

WARM UP QUESTION

What's a tradition or activity that your family enjoys doing together?

Read 1 Samuel 1:1-8.

- What types of dysfunction do you see in this family?
- If you were in Hannah's shoes, how would you feel and/or interact with the other people in the family?
- What do you think of Elkanah's statement in verse 8? Do you think it helped or hurt Hannah? Why?

Read 1 Samuel 1:9-18.

- What stands out to you about Hannah's prayer in these verses? What emotions do you see?
- Have you ever prayed in a similar emotional state? Share about what you prayed for and what the experience was like.
- After praying and interacting with Eli, Hannah began to eat again and was no longer sad. Her circumstances didn't change, but her outlook did. Why do you think that is? Have you ever experienced something similar?

Read 1 Samuel 1:19-28.

- What's your gut reaction to Hannah taking Samuel to the Tabernacle? Do you think you would have done the same thing? Why or why not?
- Have you ever had to give up something extremely valuable? Share about what brought that about and how you felt in the process.

Read 1 Samuel 2:1-10.

- What stands out to you about this second prayer of Hannah?
- As a group, highlight or list all of the attributes and actions of God mentioned in this prayer.
- Is there one that speaks specifically to a situation you're facing right now? Share with your group what God might be asking you to do in response. When will you do it?
- Pray together as a group, using Hannah's prayer of praise as a model. Cover each situation in prayer, and commit to check in with each other this week.

Encourage group members to read Daily Bible Reading on the church app or have it delivered to their inbox daily. Subscribe at tpcc.org/dbr. Use your group chat to check in on thoughts about these throughout the week!