

ICE BREAKER

- What's the longest you've ever waited in line for something, and was it worth it?

Read together: 1 Samuel 1:1-20

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. The sermon talked about people who become experts at functioning while broken. Smiling while hurting, serving while grieving. Have you ever been in a season like that? What made it hard to let people in?
2. Hannah's story reminds us that delayed answers aren't always denied answers. How do you navigate those seasons of waiting?
3. Three voices came against Hannah. Penninah who ridiculed her, Elkanah who reduced her pain, and Eli who rebuked her. Which of those voices affects you the most and how do we deal with them in a God-pleasing manner?
4. Paul said God's power is made perfect in weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9). What does that actually look like day to day for you?
5. The sermon said what Hannah thought was punishment was actually preparation. Looking back, has there been a hard season God used to prepare you for something you didn't see coming?
6. Social Media was called "modern-day Penninah." Scrolling past everyone else's highlights while you're waiting on your own breakthrough can be difficult. How do you guard your heart from that?

APPLICATION

- What's one thing you can do this week to shake off the voices around you and keep trusting God in the waiting?
- Take a few minutes to pray as a group. Ask God to remind everyone that they are remembered, not forgotten.