Growth Group questions Feb 23

Has there been a time in your life where you felt "barren"? (Barren meaning the absence of purpose to your life, worse than death)

How have you responded to your barren-ness?

Suffering

1 Samuel 1:5-11

Hannah's suffering is evident.

Have you ever been in a time of suffering where you felt the need to make a vow to God? Or did you forget God in your state of barrenness?

:12-20

Hannah at first suffered, but then turned to God and waited.

<u>Waiting</u>

Genesis 15:1-6,16:1-5,18:9-11

God promised Abram a child, but Sarah wanted to handle things herself

Have you been tempted to be impatient with God's plan and take matters into your own hands and made hasty decisions?

<u>Fulfillment</u>

Genesis 21:1

It was because of God's grace that God kept his promise to Sarah 1 Samuel 2:1-10, Psalm 116

Discuss Hannah's prayer and how she describes God and his power.

Romans 12:9-21

What can you do while you patiently wait on God?

What phase of the story do you think you are in? Suffering, Waiting, or Fulfillment?