

# Hope Group Study Questions

Samuel 1:1-28

## SERMON REVIEW

Check out your notes from this week's sermon. What caught your attention?

Was there anything you hadn't heard or thought about before?

Did anything challenge you or feel difficult to process?

Was there anything you disagreed with?

## INTRO QUESTIONS

What has brought you the most joy in the past few years? The most grief?

When things go wrong, what is the first thing you do? What is your initial attitude?

Do you depend on God through prayer?

## DIGGING INTO THE TEXT

What responses did Hannah's childlessness evoke in her? In Elkanah? In Peninnah?

Is God against polygamy? (Genesis 2:18-24; Matthew 19:3-6)

What are some things that are culturally acceptable in our time that are sinful?

Is a barren but favored wife uncommon in the Old Testament? (Gen 18:1-15; 25:21-26; 30:22-24; Judges 13:2-5)

How does the description of Hannah in verse 10 compare to that of verse 18?

Hannah gave her child to the Lord. Do you think this was difficult for her?

What is your greatest concern for your children, grand-children, nieces, nephews - fame, prosperity or godliness?

How can we commit to God the things He has blessed us with?

## THE LORD MAKES GOOD HIS WORD

Do you acknowledge God's sovereignty and trust Him to help you?

What do you find difficult about letting go and relying on God through prayer?

How can we pray like Hannah?

Read and discuss Philippians 4:6-7; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18; 1 Peter 5:6-7

## 1 SAMUEL IS POINTING US TO JESUS CHRIST

1 Samuel follows a dark period in Israel's history covered by the book of Judges.

God's people had rejected Him as their King.

Read Judges 21:25. Does this sound like the world today?

Humble prayer fosters dependence on God and submission to His will. Read and discuss Ephesians 3:10-11 considering how all of scripture points to Jesus.

What steps can we take to point our families or friends to Jesus Christ?

## KNOWLEDGE APPLIED

What does all this teach us about people?

What does all this teach us about Jesus?

Based on what we've just learned, how will we better obey Christ?

Who will you share this with?