

LIFE GROUPS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What do you think of when you hear the term 'faithful'? Is there a person you think of when you think of the term 'faithful'?
2. Read 1 Samuel 1:4-7. How did Penninah treat Hannah? Why did she treat her this way?
3. Pause for a moment and put yourself in Hannah's shoes. How do you think she felt? Have you ever been provoked by someone?
4. Read verse 8. Hannah's great pain was even spilling over on her relationship with her husband. She rejected her husband when he tried to comfort her. How could Hannah have responded better? How could Elkanah have responded better?
5. Read verse 10. In spite of all her pain, Hannah took action. What action did she take?
6. Verse 10 said she was 'weeping bitterly'. What does this teach us about prayer? Does prayer have to be in a certain form? What does God want from us in prayer?
7. God answers Hannah's prayers for a son. Some people use this passage to preach a false Gospel. They say if we just 'believe enough' or 'pray enough' then our prayers will be answered. How would you respond to this teaching?
8. Long before Samuel was born, God promised he would take care of his people Israel (Genesis 12:1-3). God sent Samuel to lead and care for his nation. Samuel's birth was a fulfillment of a promise. What are some other promises God has for us?
(For a little help: John 10:10, Acts 1:8, Philippians 4:7)
9. Who Hannah told God that she would dedicate Samuel to the Lord (v. 11). When he was born she followed through on her promise (v. 24). After nursing him, she gave him to the temple to live their permanently. Do you think it was difficult for her to give Samuel to the Lord? Why?
10. Has God ever asked you to do something difficult? How can your brothers and sister in Christ pray for and support you? What scriptures can you encourage one another with?
11. What are some ways that God has been faithful to you in the past? Try and recall specific times and share them.



Heroes – Hannah

1 Samuel 1:1-28

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Contrary to popular belief, polygamy in the Old Testament was not common. It was usually reserved for royalty or cases of infertility. Whatever the reason, the Bible NEVER condones or supports polygamy. The New Testament is clear that God's will is for marriage to be one man and one woman.

