

Questions for Hannah 1

1 Samuel 1

Warm up

- 1) What is an unfulfilled desire that you've never had met?
- 2) How did the message help give you a new perspective?

Explore

- 3) Read 1 Samuel 1 together. Describe Hannah's home life?
- 4) How did cultural and relational pressures intensify what Hannah was dealing with? How was her response different than the reactions of Sarah (Gen. 16), and Rachel (Gen. 30)?
- 5) What do you make of Hannah's prayer in 1 Samuel 1:11-12? Is bartering with God a good idea? How did she handle Eli's thoughtless comment?
- 6) When Hannah is finally blessed with a son, she honors her vow and gives him over to the Lord. What was going through her heart and mind? How was this act a foreshadowing of what our heavenly Father did for us?

Apply

Two themes that stick out in this passage are Hannah's vulnerability, and God's good and timely answer to prayer. How can those themes deepen your prayer journey this week? Is there a specific place where your trust in the power of God's response to your prayers needs to grow?