

Life Group Discussion Guide - Faith Lessons From Hannah
May 12th 2019

Q? In celebration of Mothers day, share one quality about your own mom that stands out or impacted your life most. **Discuss.**

This Sunday at Redeem Church we took a look at faith through a woman who battled the bitter reality of barrenness in an era and culture that measured a woman's worth primarily on her ability to produce children for her husband. Lets further explore the faith lessons we see in the story of Hannah.

Read 1 Samuel 1:1-18 aloud in your group:

Q? Who is responsible for Hannah's barrenness? What can we learn from this? Why would it matter? **Discuss** _____

Q? Hannah's barrenness caused her incredible anguish and despair. Which factors made this pain even worse for her? If you feel comfortable sharing, can you relate (*it doesn't have to involve fertility*) **Discuss** _____

Q? Can you see that faith in God still makes room for our humanity? How do you see this displayed in Hannah's suffering? **Discuss** _____

Q? Though Peninnah acted wickedly toward Hannah, she too was probably doing so out of her own pain. From the text, what may have been the source of her pain? (**Hint:** see verses 4 & 5) _____

Q? It is said that pressure doesn't make or break you as much as it reveals you. What has pressure revealed in both Hannah & Peninnah? How has pressure revealed your own heart before? **Discuss** _____

Q? How does God use deep pressure for His purpose and our good? Can you relate? **Discuss** _____

Vs 10-11 say: *In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the Lord, weeping bitterly. 11 And she made a vow, saying, "Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life,*

Q? Why is her prayer wise and honoring to God? How should we apply this to anything God gives us, even if it is not a child? **Discuss** _____

Q? What does it look like in our context to "give our own children to the Lord all the days of their life?" Give some examples. **Discuss** _____

Read 1 Samuel 1:10-11 and 2:1-10 aloud in your group

Q? The prayers offered by Hannah here are extremely sincere and heartfelt. What can we learn from Hannah to apply to our own prayer life? **Discuss** _____

Close the group time by praying sincerely for any one who is carrying a burden or a sense of barrenness in some area of their life.