

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Mother's Day

These questions are for the **May 10, 2020** sermon, "On Her Knees." Please read the sermon passage (1 Samuel 2:1-10) together out loud.

Sermon Outline

AS WE PONDER THE IMPACT OF A CHRISTIAN MOTHER'S PRAYER, NOTE . . .

1. The joy she expresses in her salvation. (1-3)
 - a. Question: What one image of your mother stands out in your memory?
 - b. In the midst of lack, want and family brokenness (1 Sam 1:6), Hannah can still rejoice.
 - i. Her family relationships were broken, but her relationship with God was intact.
 - ii. God is our peace and strength in chaos.
 - c. Hannah's prayer life was an inspiration to Mary's prayer life (Luke 1)
 - i. She who walks with the wise becomes wise (Proverbs 13:20).
 - ii. Do not lose heart as you pray through a season of many tears.
2. The perspectives she provides in her comparisons. (4-8)
 - a. Hannah expresses trust in God's sovereignty through the extremes of life.
 - i. Weakness vs Strength; Want vs Plenty; Barren vs Fruit; Death vs Life.
 - ii. God sustains us, provides for us and shows himself to be good through it all.
 - b. Even in the pandemic, Christ is here with us.
3. The faith she expresses in her Messiah. (9-10)
 - a. Hannah is completely confident in God
 - i. The future begins with God "guarding the feet" of his faithful ones.
 - ii. The future is characterized by victory through God's strength and power.
 - iii. There is a coming King and "anointed one" (Messiah) (10).
 - b. The influence of your prayers will extend God's work and influence beyond your days.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: While Hannah endured "rivalry" (1:6) and family friction, her heart still "exulted" in the LORD, who was her strength ("horn"). In what ways is the LORD your strength while you endure disappointments, friction, dysfunction and opposition?
2. Based on #1, above: Give us an example of a time when you have prayed "through many tears." What caused the tears? How did the Lord answer? If the Lord did not yet answer, how can we join you in prayer?
3. Based on #2, above: Sometimes reviewing the extremes of life can provide perspective for us. Give an example of the Lord's faithfulness in your lowest, neediest times. How was he faithful? How does this quarantine/coronavirus compare? How might the Lord be working in this?
4. Based on #3, above: God "guards the feet" of his faithful ones. His faithful ones are moving forward, not retreating, during times of affliction. How are you doing at moving forward right now? Name a time when your mom "moved forward" through affliction.
5. Based on #3, above: The influence of your prayer life will outlast you. How are you improving in your dependency on and faithfulness to prayer? How is God sweeter to you today than ever?