

The Invitation to Leadership

1 Samuel 1:1-2:11

April 13/14

Icebreaker: Share a lesson learned through a difficult or painful season in your life?

Read 1 Samuel 1:1-2:11

Discussion Questions:

1. What strikes you about Hannah's situation in chapter 1? How does the text describe her pain? What made it worse?
 2. Read 1 Samuel 1:10-11. What do you notice about how Hannah prays? What do her words reveal about her heart? How do you pray when you're in deep pain or disappointment?
 3. The text says "the Lord had closed her womb" (v. 5-6). What feelings does that raise? Can you relate to wrestling with God's timing or sovereignty?
 4. Eli misunderstands Hannah's grief. Have you ever felt misunderstood in your pain? How do we respond when others don't "get it"?
 5. After she prays, something changes in Hannah. (v.18) What do you think happened?
 6. How does surrendering our pain to God bring peace—even before our circumstances change?
 7. Read Hannah's prayer in 1 Samuel 2:1–10. What words or images stand out to you?
 8. What does this prayer tell you about Hannah's view of God?
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Reflection/Application:

Consider sharing in pairs so everyone can reflect more personally.

1. How might God use a hard season to draw you closer or teach you something?
2. Is there an area of your life where you're feeling "blinded by pain"?
3. What would it look like to trust that God is writing a redemptive story even in this?

Pray for one another.