

### The Heart of the Matter

12. What “unchangeable” situation have you grieved over as Hannah does? Was it or is it “unchangeable”?

13. When has God led you into a time of disappointment before granting your heart’s desire? Are you in the midst of a time of disappointment now? What encouragement can you find in this passage?

14. When has the Lord “remembered” you in a time of great need?

15. What vow(s) have you made to God about your children? Your marriage? Your commitment to God? Are you committed to keeping them?

Praises and Prayer Requests:



*Mother's Day*

## Life Group Study Guide

**God's Priority Position**  
**1 Samuel 1:1-28**  
**For the Week of May 12, 2019**

### Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend’s message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?

2. What has brought you the most joy over the past few years? The most grief? What brought relief from your grief?

3. What does your name mean? Why was that name chosen for you? How are you like your namesake or like your names meaning?

### **Digging Deeper**

4. How does the list of Elkanah's ancestry (V1) underscore Hannah's desperate situation? Why would a son be so dear to her?

5. How did Hannah respond to not being able to have children? How did Elkanah respond? How did Penninah respond?

6. How does Eli react to this situation in verses 12-17? How does Eli end up comforting Hannah?

7. How does this passage demonstrate some of the inherent problems of polygamy? Where else in Scripture can we find that polygamy is a major problem? What was God's original design for marriage from the beginning? (Genesis 2:18-25)

8. What does Hannah intend for her son according to her vow to God? (V11; Numbers 6:1-8; Judges 13:7)

9. Why does Hannah's sadness disappear so quickly in verse 18? Why did Hannah neglect the annual sacrifice for a period of time?

10. How do you think Hannah felt giving Samuel to someone else to raise? In verse 23, what does Elkanah mean by "may the Lord establish his word"?

11. What does the conversation between Elkanah and Hannah show of the nature of their marriage? How did God come through in amazing ways on behalf of Hannah in this passage?