

5. Note each phrase in the following verses that emphasize God's sovereignty in this story.

a. 1 Sam. 1:5, 6, 11, 15, 17, 19-20, 27

b. What are ways you can acknowledge God's sovereignty amidst your own "impossible" situations?

Let's Pray:

Sermon Notes

"A Weeping Woman and Her Sovereign God"

1 Samuel 1

June 11, 2017

Introduction:

1. Background

a. Politically

b. Religiously

c. Elkanah's family

2. Hannah's story

3. Things to take home

a.

b.

c.

b. Bible stories of barren women given children by God encourage us in our 'impossible' situations. Consider the relevance of this to you at this stage in our life with God.

Conclusion:

3. Read 1 Sam. 1:9-18.

a. What attitudes does Hannah show toward her situation?

b. In those same verses, what attitudes toward the Lord does Hannah demonstrate?

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 6-11-17

Questions adapted from 1&2 Samuel: Life Change Series, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 2012, pp. 19-22; Explore the Bible, Adult Leader Guide, Vol. 2, No. 1, LifeWay Christian Resources, Nashville, TN, Fall 2008, pp. 13-21; Dale Ralph Davis, Focus on the Bible 1 Samuel, Looking on the Heart, Bell & Bain, Glasgow, Great Britain, 2014, pp. 26-27.

Getting Started:

1. How can childlessness create a troubling situation for couples today? What other issues create troubling situations for adults?

4. Read 1 Sam. 1:19-28

a. How did Hannah tell others about the Lord's grace?

b. How are Christians helped when others tell how God answered their prayers in troubling situations?

Digging Deeper:

2. Read 1 Sam. 1:1-8. Barrenness was a common source of grief to women in the ancient East.

a. Read about the feelings and action of other barren women in Genesis 16:1-6, 18:10-15, and 30:1-24. Why did God permit the barrenness in each case, and how was it overcome?

c. How do you tell others about God's answers to your prayers?