

1 Samuel 1-2 Discussion Guide:

If you have any questions on the Bible Study or answers/thoughts that you'd like to share, feel free to email me at pastor.klatt@grace-connect.org or text/call me at (913)209-8622 (preferably before 5 PM!). Pastor Zachary Klatt

1:9-11—Hannah is experiencing a great deal of grief and suffering. Yet, where does she turn for aid? What does this account say about the power of prayer? How do you feel about your prayer life? What can we do as God's people to more powerfully engage in this gift?

1:25-28—Here we see Hannah returning this great gift—the gift of her child—to the Lord. While we certainly are not mandated to give up our children to God in this manner, what does this story say about how we prioritize the gifts in our lives? Are there times where we make idols out of the good gifts that God gives to us—even our families? How do we balance enjoying the good gifts that God gives while still keeping our first things first?

2:1-10—Read the Magnificat in Luke 1:46-55. What similarities and differences do you see between Hannah and Mary's song? How do you see the themes described in these two songs flowing throughout God's narrative of salvation? How do you see both of these songs pointing us to Christ?

2:12-17—As we look at the sins of Eli's sons—Phinehas and Hophni—how do we see their own treatment of God's sacrifice compared to both Hannah's giving of her son and Samuel's faithful ministering? What implications might this have for our own generosity and service?