

**Bitter or Better**

1 Samuel 1:1-22

**Taking it Home:**

1. One of the most beautiful phrases of this passage is “the Lord remembered her.” In what parts of your life do you feel forgotten? Take a moment to pray, asking the Lord to remind you of how He remembers you and to affirm his great love for you. (Review 1 Samuel 2:1-10 and make it your own prayer.)

**Prayer Concerns:****Hannah's Pain:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
2. Struggled with \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Lessons from Hannah's faith:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord in your \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, giving the \_\_\_\_\_ of your heart to God.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ in God's \_\_\_\_\_, even when things \_\_\_\_\_.
4. View motherhood as \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Find \_\_\_\_\_, not in your \_\_\_\_\_.

**The Lord Remembers:**

## Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

### Getting Started:

1. Have you or someone close to you ever been bullied? How did it make you/them feel?

### Digging Deeper:

#### Read 1 Samuel 1:1-22

1. In Hannah's culture, children were a sign of God's blessing and infertility was seen as a curse. What response does her not having children evoke in Hannah? In Elkanah? In Peninnah? In Eli?
2. How did the Lord reveal his faithfulness to Hannah throughout this story? Read Hannah's response to God's faithfulness in 1 Samuel 2:1-10. What characteristics does Hannah describe of the Lord Almighty?
3. Why did Hannah leave Samuel at the temple? What does this tell us about Hannah's character? Have you ever made a vow to the Lord? In what ways have you fulfilled your vow?
4. Hannah sets an example for every parent. What does it mean to view motherhood (or fatherhood) as stewardship and not ownership? In what ways can you practically apply this in your home, regardless of the age of your children?
5. When has God led you into a time of disappointment before granting your heart's desire? Are you in a time of disappointment now? What encouragement can you find in this passage? In your own experiences of God's faithfulness?
6. Review the "Lessons from Hannah's faith" from your study notes. Which lesson is most meaningful to you right now and why?