



A Worship Discussion Guide for Individuals, Groups & Families for the week of May 11, 2025

Read the Bible passage aloud in your group meeting. This is a worship discussion guide, and our reflections and applications are grounded in Scripture. You do not need to work through the whole guide. Decide which points would be most helpful for your meeting, and use them as a starting point for your time together.

Warm Up

- We have nothing that does not come from the hand of our good heavenly Father ([James 1:17](#)). What is one gift in your life that you know you only have by the grace of God? What joys and fears do you know because of that gift?

I Samuel 1:21-28

Lent to the LORD

²¹ The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. ²² But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear in the presence of the LORD and dwell there forever." ²³ Elkanah her husband said to her, "Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him; only, may the LORD establish his word." So the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him. ²⁴ And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh. And the child was young. ²⁵ Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. ²⁶ And she said, "Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. ²⁷ For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition that I made to him. ²⁸ Therefore I have lent him to the LORD. As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD."

And he worshiped the LORD there.

- What is a "vow"? Why would the taking of vows be a part of worship?
- Last week we saw that Hannah vowed, "O LORD of hosts, if you will indeed look on the affliction of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a son, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and no razor shall touch his head" ([I Samuel 1:11](#)). What might be going on in the heart of Hannah over the years-long course of nursing Samuel and preparing for the day we would attend worship and fulfill the vow she had made to the LORD? (22)
- What does Elkanah mean when he says to Hannah, "may the LORD establish his word"? (23)
- After Samuel is weaned, Hannah attends worship and reminds Eli the priest that they had met before (24-26). Today, she's come to fulfill her promise, and declares, "As long as Samuel lives, he is lent to the LORD." What does Hannah mean (27-28)?
- What is something in your life that God has given you that makes your heart ache? Have you ever had to consider that this gift ultimately belonged to the LORD, and you were a steward of this gift for but a season? What made you consider this?
- Pray together in response to God's Word.

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