



A Worship Discussion Guide for Individuals, Groups & Families for the week of May 18, 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

- Anniversaries and rituals help us mark God's faithfulness and the seasons of life. What is one of your favorite yearly celebrations? How is it an opportunity to reflect on God's faithfulness?

I Samuel 2:18-21

Grew in the Presence of the LORD

¹⁸ Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy clothed with a linen ephod. ¹⁹ And his mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. ²⁰ Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the LORD give you children by this woman for the petition she asked of the LORD." So then they would return to their home.

²¹ Indeed the LORD visited Hannah, and she conceived and bore three sons and two daughters. And the boy Samuel grew in the presence of the LORD.

- The sons of Eli the priest, Hophni & Phineas, were terribly corrupt religious leaders who served in the Tabernacle at Shiloh. Read [I Samuel 2:12-17](#). How are Hophni & Phineas described? How are they described in relationship to the LORD?
- Young Samuel stands in stark contrast to the sons of Eli. How is Samuel described? How is he described in relationship to the LORD? (18-21)
- What tender care does Hannah continue to show to her son? (19)
- What other article of clothing does Samuel wear (18)? Read [Exodus 39:1-7](#) for a description of this article of clothing. Who wore this garment? What did this garment represent?
- The LORD blessed Hannah both in her sacrifice and in her family. It is easy to see God's hand in our gains. It is more difficult to see His blessing in sacrifice and loss. Have you ever known the grace of God in sacrifice and loss? What was that like?
- Samuel grew in the presence of the LORD (21). What things would mark this kind of development?
- It's remarkable that there is a description of Jesus' human development in [Luke 2:52](#) that is similar to this description of Samuel. As our Savior grew in grace, so will His disciples. How is the LORD growing you by His grace this year?
- Pray together in response to God's Word.

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