

Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

GOD CARES 1 Samuel 1:1-28

Main Thought: In 1 Samuel 1:1-28, we learn about the birth of Samuel and discover that God cares.

1. THE _____ UNFOLDS

- 1) Elkanah and his _____ (vv 1-5)
- 2) Peninnah and her _____ (v 6)
- 3) Hannah and her _____ (vv 7-8)
- 4) Hannah's _____ (vv 9-11)
- 5) Eli's _____ (vv 12-18)
- 6) God _____ Hannah's prayer (vv 19-20)
- 7) Hannah dedicates _____ to the Lord's service. (vv 21-28)

2. _____ FOR US

- 1) We can learn from the faithfulness of _____.
- 2) We can learn from _____.
 - (1) She cast her _____ upon the Lord.
 - (2) She was totally _____ before the Lord.
 - (3) She followed through with her _____ to the Lord.
- 3) Most importantly, we _____ that God cares.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. Read 1 Samuel 1:1-28 and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal God's truth to you as you read.

2. What do you learn about God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) from this passage?

3. What do you learn about human beings/yourself from this passage?

4. What verse meant the most to you? Why?

5. What didn't you understand in the passage? What answers did you find for your questions?

6. What application(s) for your life do you take away from this passage?

Digging deeper:

7. What strikes you about the first few verses of the book of 1st Samuel? Who are we introduced to? What's special about them?

8. What should we make of the fact that Elkanah has two wives? Is polygamy something taught and encouraged in the Bible? If not, why not? (See Gen. 2:24-25; Deut. 17:14-20)

9. How did God's people carry out their religion at the time of Elkanah? Where did they go to worship and why? (See Ex. 23:14-17; Deut. 12:15-17; 16:16)

10. What problem did Hannah have? Why was that a problem? How did she deal with it? What promise did she make to God?

11. What was she implying when she told God "no razor will ever be used on his head"? (See Numbers 6:1-8)

12. How did Eli respond to Hannah's prayer initially? Finally? What do you make of that?

13. After God answers Hannah's prayer for a child, what does she do? When? Put yourself in Hannah's position. How would you have felt when it came time to deliver Samuel to the house of the Lord at Shiloh?