



Sermon Discussion Guide
Advent: Renewal
1 Samuel 1:4-20, 2:1, 6-10
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Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Read the Scripture printed above. What stands out to you? What do you find interesting and/or important? What is challenging or causes you to have questions?

Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

INTRODUCTION

1. Have you found the concept of prayer or “connection with God” to garner interest in both religious and irreligious circles? How so?
2. What was your one, big takeaway from the sermon? How would you summarize the main theme of the sermon in one phrase or sentence?

LETTING GO OF THE PRESENT

3. Hannah, Penninah, and Elkanah were all participants in the “culture game”? What were they? What are the culture games in our modern culture?
4. What happens if you win or lose in culture game?
5. What is the evidence that Hannah finally let go of the present?

LAYING HOLD OF HIM WHO HOLDS THE FUTURE

6. In Hannah’s song in chapter 2, what are some of the features of the “upside down” language?
7. If the details of our life can change in an instant, what is the source for our hope in a future restoration? How is this seen in this passage?
8. How is our prayer different than prayer and meditation as it is conceived by non-Christians?

Step 3: Final Reflections

9. How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
10. In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?