



October 4, 2020 – Communion Sunday

“Altar-ed Living: Hannah”

[1 Samuel 1:1-2:11](#)

Questions for Personal Reflection or Small Group Discussion

1. How has pain, difficulty and suffering impacted your faith? Has it brought you closer to God or driven a wedge between you?
2. Have you been taught or encouraged to pray prayers of lament? If you grew up in the Church was there a culture of keeping things "positive and upbeat" and a dismissal of tension, honesty, and anger? Have you been made to feel bad for expressing your raw and honest emotions by someone in the Church?
3. Have you ever made a 'deal' with God in prayer? What was going on in your life at the time? Were you in a desperate panic?
4. What song or hymn has been stuck inside you and come out at 'just the right time'?
5. Of all the ways that spur on Hannah's growth (pain and suffering, honest prayer, the encouragement from another person that God hears you, an answer to prayer, your act of obedience, and worship) which one or two do you identify with most?
6. What does this passage have to say about being "Rooted in Jesus, Growing in His Love, [and] Branching Out to Serve Others"?