



Life Group Discussion Guide  
**May I Speak Freely? Does God Hear Me?**  
**Listening to a Mother's Prayer**  
**1 Samuel 2:1-10**  
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Main Thought: Praying God's purposes empowers us to pursue God's purposes.

Sunday Outline:

- Prayer involves praise (vs. 1-2)
- Prayer confidently rehearses God's activity in the world (vs. 3-9).
- Prayer empowers God's people to pursue God's purposes (vs. 10).

Welcome & Fellowship Time (*Suggested Time 10 Minutes*)

Open in Prayer

Week in Review: (*Suggested Sharing Time 10 minutes*)

- Discuss ways that prayer has rebuilt your relationship with God.

Discussion Starter: (*Suggested Time 5 minutes*)

- Share with the group the most significant praying person in your life. Who are they? Why have they made the list? If you don't have one, what would they look like and how would they pray?

Sermon Review: (*Suggested Time 15 minutes*)

Review 1 Samuel 2 together as a group and discuss the following questions.

- God is described in a number of different ways in this prayer. Can you list them and delineate their impact on you?
- What is the significance of Hannah's child in the life of the nation of Israel?
- Why is Hannah's prayer so filled with hope?



Digging Deeper: *(Suggested Time 20 minutes)*

Read Luke 1:46-55 and discuss the following questions.

- How are Hannah and Mary alike in their mission?
- As you look at the structure of each song, highlight their similarities.
- Have you ever prayed a prayer like this? If you have, why? If you have not why not?

Application: *(Suggested Time 10 minutes)*

- Hannah recognized God's desire to save and redeem. Have you received God's gift of forgiveness and hope in your life?
- Hannah's prayer anticipated that God's divine action would be accomplished through Israel's King. What part is God asking you to play in His drama of redemption?
- What are the purposes of God that you can be praying for?
- How can we turn our prayers into songs of wonder and astonishment?

Group Prayer Requests: *(Suggested Time 10 minutes)*

Spend time praying for each other & praying for application of the study in the lives of the group members. *(Suggested time 10 minutes)*