

w/b 29th March 2015 - **Hannah's Prayers** (Vic Everitt)

Read 1 Samuel chapters 1&2 or get someone to tell the story of Hannah

1. What does 1 Samuel 1:6 tell us?
 - a. How did Hannah deal with her pain (barrenness)?
 - b. Maybe someone might talk about a pain issue either from the past or in the present.

2. See Luke 18:1.
 - a. What problem is Jesus highlighting?
 - b. Try to explain why humans give up praying?
 - c. Has anyone in the room given up praying for something?
Will you say what it is and why you have given up?
Do you need to get back to this issue?
 - d. What help can others be? Will you help?

3. Hannah gave Samuel back to God.
 - a. Think about this! What are your thoughts?
Could you have done such a thing?
 - b. God delights in our generosity. Do you agree?
Why are some Christians (quite probably none in this room right now) mean?
 - c. Why does God want people to be generous?
 - d. What did generosity do for Hannah?

4. Read 1 Sam 2.
 - a. What kind of prayer is this?
 - b. How do our prayers compare with this?
 - c. The elders have set prayer as one of the goals for this year.
 - i. How does Hannah's story help us as an individual and as a Church?
 - ii. What small strategies could help us?
Is it worth being better prayers?
Do you think that this would benefit the kingdom?