

- 1. Pastor Paul spoke about having hinge moments in our lives, event s and circumstances that changed your future in a big way. Have the people in your group share what they see as the biggest hinge moment in their lives up to this point and how these times changed their lives. These points can be both good and bad.
- 2. Pastor Paul spoke about the fact that at times we have leaders that let us down. Have you ever experienced that? How did it affect you? Hannah did not allow the failure of her leaders affect what she did for God, do we ever have an excuse to not do what God wants us to do because of a "spiritual leader" who has let us down? Why?

 Answer— The truth is that since our leaders are humans, and thus sinners, they will almost always let us down in some way because they are not perfect. What another human does should never affect what we do for God because since God is perfect, he will never let us down. People who use the failure of other people as an excuse not to do what God tells them to do are just looking for a justification to not do something they do not want to do.
- 3. Hannah experienced confusion on what exactly God wanted her to do, have you ever felt that you were not sure what God wanted you to do? When? What do we have to help us that Hannah did not have to give her direction? What do you think you could do to help you in times of confusion? Answer— We have the completed word of God in the Bible that tells us exactly what God wants us to do in most situations, Hannah did not. Our first step when we are confused is to search God's word to see what He says about things we are confused about. We can also ask help from a spiritually mature Christian as to what they think we should do, but the Bible is the final authority. We should also do what we are commanded to do in James 1:5 says, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God who will willingly give it to you."
- 4. Read 1 Samuel 1:11;27-28. Hannah's prayed to God for a child and God answered that prayer by allowing her to become pregnant with Samuel. What does Hannah's prayer reveal about her attitude toward God? What can we learn in regard to they type of prayer that God will always answer "yes" to? Answer—Hannah's attitude was that if God would grant her request, she would dedicate herself and her child to carrying out God's will. She acknowledged that everything comes from God and belongs to him, even her child. When we pray for things that we are willing to use for God's purposes, God will typically say "yes" to that prayer because we are praying for something that God wants to happen.
- 5. Pastor Paul said that all change in our lives and the lives of others always begins where? Do you think this is true? So if we are going to make an impact on this world for Christ, how do we start?

 Answer— He said that change always starts in our own homes, even if you are the only one in your home. We should seek to impact the people for Christ in our homes first, and then worry about those outside our homes.