

AFFIRMATION OF GROWTH (15 MINUTES)

- **Check in:** Let each person share something about themselves, one thing God is teaching them in life, and something they hope to get out of gGroups this semester. **(Leader I would write these down so you can know how to encourage and guide your group this semester).**
- **Opening Prayer**

BIBLE DISCOVERY (35-45 MINUTES: WHAT 10 MINUTES, SO WHAT 10-20 MINUTES, AND NOW WHAT 15-20 MINUTES)

- **Watch Video**
- **Big Idea for gGroup:** Unchecked sin affects our bond with God, warps our ties with others, and fractures our families. Confront sin with repentance and obedience.
- **WHAT? (To allow great discussion we will not cover every Bible verse read on Sunday or in the chapter)**
 - **Read 1 Samuel 1:10-11**
 - What actions did Hannah take with wanting a child?
 - **Read 1 Samuel 1:19-28**
 - Did God answer Hannah's prayer?
 - When was Hannah ready to give the LORD Samuel? (Fun fact weaning could take up to 3 years).
 - **Read 1 Samuel 2:12-17, 22-24**
 - What actions did Eli's sons do to become corrupt?
 - How did Eli discipline them? Did it work?
 - **Read 1 Samuel 2:18-21, 26**
 - How do we know Hannah and Elkanah never stopped caring and loving Samuel?
 - How did God bless Hannah and Elkanah's trust in Him?
 - How was Samuel opposite of Eli's sons?
 - **Read 1 Samuel 2:30-36**
 - What was God going to do with Eli and his family?
 - What are the characteristics of the faithful priest God was going to raise up?
- **SO WHAT?**
 - Does God want us to make vows?
 - What does God require of parents after reading about these two families?
 - What does sin do in our lives when left unchecked?
 - If you were in Eli's shoes after hearing the prophecy about your sons what would you do?
- **NOW WHAT?**
 - What is something that is heavy on your heart that you need to bring to God?
 - What is one action you can take as a parent to point your kids to God or repentance? If not a parent, is there a character from today's story that you relate too?
 - Anyone want to share a story of a time they left sin unchecked and how it affected your life?

CHALLENGE FOR LIFE (10 MINUTES)

- **One Challenge:** Has this passage revealed a point of growth or a needed change? Is there something you must do or voice in order to better obey God? Be specific and narrow it down with an "I will" statement
 - I will _____
- **Closing Prayer**
 - Pray for each member to be faithful to their challenge in the coming week
 - Pray for the continued growth in what was discussed from the Bible