

THANK GOD FOR MOM

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Mothers are a gift from God

Thank You Mom...

- God used you to <u>bring me</u> into this <u>world</u> (Genesis 3:16a, 20; John 16:21)
- God works through your <u>prayers</u> (1 Samuel 1:10-11)
- For the tireless <u>dedication</u> & personal <u>sacrifice</u> (2 Kings 4:27-30; Proverbs 31:14)
- For finding a way to <u>be there</u> when I needed you most (John 19:25-27)

How can we honor mom today?

- Ideas for Honoring Mom:
- Ideas for Honoring Mom's Memory:
- Don't Forget to Honor the "Spiritual Moms" in Your Life

Next Steps

- I will find one way to honor my mom (or her memory) today.
- I will honor a woman who has been a "spiritual mom" in my life today or this week.
- I will specifically encourage a single mom I know today or this week.



Lesson Aim: To grow in our gratitude and appreciation for one of God's greatest gifts: our mothers.

Prayer: Ask the Holy Spirit to lead your discussion and/or devotional time.

Ice-breaker: Who was your favorite "TV Show" mom growing up?

- 1. In the message this weekend, Pastor Josh talked about four possible reasons we can thank God for our moms. Which reasons stand out to you in relation to your mom? Why?
- 2. Have you been able to honor and/or encourage your mom (or her memory) this week? If willing, tell the group about it.
- 3. Have you been able to honor and/or encourage another mom (a "spiritual mom", a friend, a single mom, etc.) this week? If willing, tell the group about it.
- 4. For the rest of this week's study, we'll take a closer look at one of the Bible's godly mothers, Hannah. **READ 1 Samuel 1:1-8.** What was causing grief and pain in Hannah's life?

- 5. **READ 1 Samuel 1:9-18.** Hannah's pain drove her to prayer. What are some less healthy ways she could have responded?
- 6. If willing, share about a time in your life when grief and pain drove you to more dependence on God through prayer.
- 7. **READ 1 Samuel 1:19-28.** Hannah fulfilled her vow to the Lord by dedicating Samuel to Him. What reasons could she have given to not be obedient in this?
- 8. Share about a time when you had to follow through on a difficult step of obedience.
- 9. Is there anything in your life right now that you need to obey God in that is going to be difficult?

Close in prayer as the Lord leads you.

Daily Devotional Plan – Scriptures on mothers.

Day 1 – 2 Samuel 2:1-11; 18-21 (Hannah)

Day 2 – Proverbs 23:22-25

Day 3 – Proverbs 31:14-16

Day 4 – Proverbs 31:25-30

Day 5 - Psalm 139:13-16

Day 6 – John 19:25-30

Day 7 – 1 Timothy 5:1-2