



Class 10 – 10.31.18

Reading:

- Day 1 -** Read Psalm 7, 11, 1 Samuel 1-6
- Day 2 -** Psalm 34, 1 Samuel 7-13,
- Day 3 -** Psalm 52, 1 Sam. 14-20
- Day 4 -** Psalm 56,59, 1 Sam. 21-25
- Day 5 -** Psalm 70, 1 Sam. 26-31

Reflection:

1) Hannah poured her soul out before the Lord passionately, in prayer. And she didn't care who saw! I love her display of honest emotion. Who or what is on your heart today that needs your fervent prayers? Take a minute to pray.

2) After God answered Hannah's prayers for a son, she praised God and was full of thanksgiving. Take a moment and share a praise. What prayer request has God answered for you?

3) God called Samuel three times before Samuel recognized God's voice. We can be easily distracted! Share a verse or passage of scripture that means a lot to you because God has clearly gotten your attention and spoken to you through it.

4) Israel expected a victory because the ark was with them but their disobedience led to defeat. God is always with you and wants to give you victory but sin holds us back. Confess here below, any sin that is holding you back today. Have you ever proceeded with your plan, instead of waiting for God and following His? Consider the results, and what you have learned.

5) Israel wanted a king so they could be like the other nations. #trendingnow
In what ways have you been tempted to follow the worlds ways? In what ways have you seen the church tempted to do the same? How do you think we guard against this?

6) Just because we are following the Lord, it does not mean we will not have difficult times. In Psalm 56:3, David said: "When I am afraid, I put my trust in you." What are you afraid of today and how can you trust God more? What is your greatest fear and how is God working through it in your life?

Psalm 34 reflection:

7) What commitments does David make in 34:1-2? This reminds me of the Shema (Deut. 6:4-5.) What benefits and blessings would you receive by a declaration like his?

8) Based on 34:1 - when we should we praise God?

9) What ways do you like to praise God? How does it differ from thanksgiving?

10) Do we praise God for his benefit or ours? Who else could it help? (34:2)

11) Look at verses 4-7 - and see that

v4 when we _____ God _____

v5 when we _____ God _____

v6 when we _____ God _____

v7 when we _____ God _____

12) Read the rest of Psalm 34 and see how it inspires you to praise God!