

Small Group Bible Study Questions. Sermon by Pastor John Fortune. May 231'26: "Tanakh: Samuel

From Brendan: "These questions are a guide. You do not have to use every question. Knowing your group, go over these questions and ask God what questions you should focus on. May God bless and guide your discussions!"

- Welcome everyone and open with prayer. **Optional:** take communion together!

Icebreaker Question:

- What is your favourite story from the book of 1 Samuel? Give a short reason why!

READ 1 Samuel 1:19-20' 24-28; 2:1; 5-8.

- What stands out to you?

Discussion Questions:

1. Which portrait did you identify with most this week—Hannah, Samuel, Saul, or David? Why?
2. Hannah trusted God with what was most precious to her. What is something in your life that is difficult for you to entrust to God right now?
3. Saul's downfall began when fear replaced trust. Where are you most tempted to grasp for control instead of trusting God?
4. David teaches us that trusting God is not the absence of failure, but returning to God after failure. How do you typically respond when you fail—hide, justify, despair, or return to God?
5. **LIFE APPLICATION:** Pastor John presented that a central question of Samuel is not ultimately "Who should lead?" but "Will God's people trust him?" What would it look like for you to take one concrete step of trust this week?