

**Cole Community Church Growth Groups  
Study Questions for 1 Samuel 2:12-36  
Week of September 18-24, 2011**

**Introduction – After Hannah’s beautiful poem the story takes a turn toward the darker side of human nature as we are told about the priest Eli’s sons and their service to God. Chapter 2 continues with the contrasting stories of Eli and his family and Samuel and his parents.**

- 1. Look at the story through Chapter 2. What are the characteristics of Samuel’s family and of Eli’s family? How are they different?**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2. Read 2:12-17. What do you make of the events that are described here?**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 3. Now read 2:18-21. How do you see the hand of God in the lives of Samuel and his parents?**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 4. Read 2:22-36. How do you see God’s desire for justice portrayed in this passage?**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 5.What hopeful elements do you see in this passage?**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 6.What is your own experience with God’s application of justice and hope?**