

Series: PRAY FIRST
Title: Heart's Cry
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As you begin group, let everyone share what they've learned or experienced so far with "Pray First". That could include the Prayer Wall, the Prayer Guide and other things.

See who's memorized and is ready to quote Colossians 4:2, the theme verse in the series.

Take time to pray for each other and for others.

What's HMD? Have you ever suffered from it? How did you contact it? What's the problem with it? Has anyone insisted it's real and expected you to buy into it? How's your recovery going?

How does David experience match or not match HMD, in Psalm 31:9-10?

From Psalm 18:6, what's David's response to a problem filled, not a problem free life?

On to Hannah, who truly prayed first. Time permitting, read or recall her story in 1 Samuel 1:2-20.

What's her problem? Extra credit: What's the irony between her name and her life? What two distinct options do we have when our heart breaks and world crashes and when there's no immediate answer to our prayers? And how can someone keep coming to worship or to group when something so terribly wrong happens?

Read 1 Samuel 1:7 What's something you've prayed about for a long time and not seen an answer yet?

Beyond the obvious, what's the main point of the Hannah's story and what does it have to do with prayer?

Time permitting read John 14:1, 1 Samuel 2:3 and 1 Peter 5:7. What may God be doing while your pain isn't going away and your prayers aren't answered?