

*Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions*

**Study Aid for the Sermon from July 19, 2009**  
**“Pray Like You Mean It”**  
**1 Samuel 1:1-20**

**Observing the text**

Read 1 Samuel 1:1-20. Who seems to be the key character in these verses?

What kind of people do Elkanah and Hannah seem to be?

Do you think Hannah overreacted to her situation?

How much help was Eli the high priest to Hannah?

What is encouraging about Hannah's prayer?

**Applying the sermon**

When you pray, do you feel you are praying with intensity or just kicking around thoughts in your head?

Do you pray for things with the true intention of giving them back to God?

Describe how praying can have the primary role of changing you and not necessarily your situation.

What are some ways that you can add intensity to your prayers?