

SERMON OUTLINE & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
MARCH 9, 2025

A BARREN BEGINNING
1 SAMUEL 1:1-8

MAIN THOUGHT & OUTLINE

Barren beginnings will not stop the Lord of Hosts from accomplishing His purpose in His Church.

- I. The Barrenness of the Church
- II. The Lord of Hosts at Work

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

1. How does 1 Samuel build on the story told in Judges?
What about the story told in Ruth?
2. Is there barrenness in your own heart today? Why is that?
What should you do about it?
3. How can you apply this passage to trials in your own life or
to help a friend struggling to understand God's plan?
4. Boys & girls – are you excited to study 1 Samuel? What
makes it such a great story?

FURTHER READING: Judges 2:10-12, 21:25; 1 Sam 3:1; Deut
7:14; 1 Cor 1:27; Luke 1:5-7