



## Mother's Day | Let's Be Real | 05.08-09.2021

**Grow Deep Conversation Questions:** Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90-minute group gathering.

**Message Recap:** Life is hard. Rather than shying away from the real pain, we can step up and follow through on the call God puts on our lives. In order for us to "Be Real," we have a responsibility to put down our comparisons, feel through the hurt, and trust that what God has for us and our community is better than what we think we need or want.

- » **Opening** (2-3 minutes)
- Introductions - this is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members
  - Housekeeping - clarify expectations
    - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting
    - **Remember there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
  - Pray - open your time together in prayer
- » **Introduction** (15 minutes)
- Ice-Breaker: What is something unique about you?
  - Digging Deeper: Is it easy for you to identify your strengths? Why do you think this is difficult for some and easier for others?
- » **Observation** | Read 1 Samuel 1:1-28; 2:18-19 (12 minutes)
- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?
- » **Key Principle | Let's Be Real** (10 minutes)
- How do you typically respond to disappointments or failures in your life?
- » **Stop Comparing** | Reread 1 Samuel 1:4-8 (10 minutes)
- What would it take to stop playing the comparison game with others around you?
- » **Grive** | Reread 1 Samuel 1:9-18 (10 minutes)
- What do you need to grieve in this season of your life?
- » **Follow Through** | Reread 1 Samuel 1:19-28 (10 minutes)
- What promises or commitments do you need to follow through on in your relationship with God?
- » **Repeat** | Reread 1 Samuel 2:18-19 (10 minutes)
- What rhythm do you need to add or take away in order to make God the priority in your life?
- » **Next Steps and Prayer** | (10 minutes)
- Share about a woman who has had a positive influence on your life. What made her so special to you?
  - Close by praying for the women in your life that continue to have an impact on you and those around you.