

Small Group Discussion Questions

Following the Weekend of August 17-18, 2024

No need to answer every question. Feel free to jump around.

What is On God's Heart?

(I Kings 17:7-16)

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Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud together I Kings 17:7-16.

What words, phrases, concepts, or images from these verses stand out to you as you just read them, or create a curiosity for you in some way?

What aspects of Pastor Alan's message gave you fresh insight into this passage, or helped you the most in understanding these verses and what we experience here?

At the start of this portion of Scripture, we encounter Elijah obeying God and being provided for. However, just as things are going well, "the brook dried up." (vs. 7)

When have you experienced similar scenarios to Elijah – when you were obeying God, but it seemed that the "brook dried up" around you?

How did you respond to this situation?

How might you hope to respond if/when you face a situation like this in the future?

In verses 8-9, we see God directing Elijah to go to Sidon (a nation far from the knowledge of God).

What impact does it make on you to know God had a heart for the people of Sidon?

If you have ever been called to go to your own “Sidon” (to connect w/ people you might not want to or were scared to), what did this look like?

If you did respond, what was the outcome?

If you feel God is calling you to connect with someone or some people group today and you have yet to follow that call, share a bit about the tension you are wrestling with.

In 1 Kings 17:10 and in John 4, we encounter similar experiences which both flip the script to what we might expect. Instead of Elijah offering assistance to the widow and instead of Jesus offering assistance to the Samaritan woman, they both ask for assistance from these ladies.

Have you ever experienced a comparable situation to the above?

Why might this be a powerful way to approach others in our life?

In verses 13-14, we see Elijah building a relational connection with the widow.

What actions/characteristics carried out by others cause you to draw into them relationally?

When you have initiated connection with others, when has this gone well? Or when has it not gone as well as you hoped?

Any differences between your two approaches?

Elijah also helps the woman discover God.

What can/could it look like for you to help people discover Jesus versus just telling them about him?

Who could be or currently is in your circle of influence that could be interested in discovering Jesus?

Conclude by praying for one another in taking practical next steps in applying this weekend’s message and group discussion, after which pray for group needs and concerns.

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