

## Small Group Discussion Questions

Following the Weekend of August 24-25, 2024

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

### When Life Falls Apart

(I Kings 17:17-24)

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### Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud together I Kings 17:17-24.

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?

When have you experienced the feeling that life was falling apart?

How did you respond to this reality?

What impact, if any, did this have on your faith?

Within this portion of Scripture, Pastor Alan highlights three responses that can help us navigate the inevitable moments of suffering we will encounter at some point or another.

1. Bring Your Unfiltered Heart to God (vs. 17:18) (Matthew 27:46)
  - How easy or difficult is it for you to be authentic with God?
  - What has it looked like to run to God with your pain?
  - What has it looked like when you have run away from God in your pain?

- How hard or easy is it for you to let go of the formula? – “Good actions always equal blessing.”
2. Pray Boldly (vs. 17:21)
    - When has suffering led you to pray boldly?
      - What happened as a result?
      - Whether your prayer was answered or not, how did you respond?
    - How comfortable are you to pray boldly? (James 5:16)
      - How has past experience potentially impacted your confidence to pray boldly?
    - How fully do you believe in a God of miracles?
    - Who around you needs you to be praying boldly for them right now?
  3. Trust Deeply (vs. 17:24)
    - When has your trust in God been elevated?
    - When has your trust potentially been shaken?
    - Where is your trust level with God today?

Whether you have found yourself suffering in the past or right now, how fully do you trust/rest in the fact that your loving Father is for you and longs to both hear your heart and to rescue you?

If you find yourself questioning God’s lovingkindness, what do you need to hear/feel from the Father today?

What do you need from other believers in your life today?

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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