



# SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

EAST ABBOTSFORD CAMPUS

MARCH 1, 2020

## INFO AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Baptism Class May 6** || For those wanting to know more about baptism and those wanting to be baptized. Let us know you are coming by filling out the online Questionnaire at [northview.org/baptism](http://northview.org/baptism). || 7-9pm in West Court || ASL interpretation available
- **Special General Meeting:** We have a Special General Meeting coming up on March 10th at 7:00 pm in the Worship Center. Meeting packages will be at the Connect Desk and Usher Cart for people to pick up.
- Northview is running many different courses this winter/spring. Those include: **Financial Basics 104: Understanding Taxes:** Tuesday, March 3rd; 7pm  
More information and to register see: [northview.org/courses](http://northview.org/courses)
- **Men's Retreat:** April 3-5th. Cost: \$200. Location: Rockridge Canyon.  
Register online: [northview.org/men](http://northview.org/men).
- Sign up for Northview's Newsletter at [northview.org](http://northview.org) to never miss another event.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for the ACS renovation/ construction project (for health, safety, speed, etc.)
- Pray for the DR Campus Worship Centre capital campaign (that money would be raised quickly!)
- Pray for opportunities for us to engage our neighbours, coworkers, and other people we are connected with in gospel conversations
- Pray for people who live in east Abbotsford to have a hunger for God and good news, and that they would hear it through our campus and people

## LEADER NOTES

**Suggested Timing for a 2 hour meeting:**

**Connection:** 30 Minutes (visiting / snacks / announcements / ice breakers)

**Content:** 30 Minutes (Observation and Interpretation questions):

**Commission:** 10-15 minutes (Application questions)

**Care:** 15-30 minutes (Sharing and Prayer)

**Connection:** 15-30 minutes (visiting / snacks)

## LEADING SERMON-BASED DISCUSSIONS:

- Read the scripture passage(s) together as a group.
- Direct people back to the text if they are going on rabbit trails or talking about opinions and speculation, by asking, "Where do you see that in the text? What answer does the text provide for that question?"
- As you transition to prayer time, pray through the issues and ideas that the text brought up.

## RESOURCES FOR 1 & 2 KINGS

### Commentaries:

Paul House, *1 & 2 Kings - New American Commentary*

Iain Provan, *1 & 2 Kings - Understanding the Bible*

Donald Wiseman, *1 & 2 Kings: An Introduction and Commentary*  
Tyndale Old Testament Commentary

August H. Konkel, *1 & 2 Kings*  
(The NIV Application Commentary)

Gavin Ortlund, *1 & 2 Kings: A 12-week Study*  
(Knowing the Bible)

The Gospel Coalition Course:  
*God's Big Picture*. Unit 5: The Partial Kingdom: Place and King  
[www.thegospelcoalition.org/course/gods-big-picture-tracing-storyline-bible](http://www.thegospelcoalition.org/course/gods-big-picture-tracing-storyline-bible)

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## Observation

*This section is aimed at helping people observe the details of the text: what is written, what words or ideas are repeated and emphasized, the text's structure and how this text fits into the wider context of the book of Romans.*

1. Read 2 Kings 4:1-7.
2. Who was the woman married to? And what is the woman's concern?
3. What is Elisha's response to her? What are his instructions?
4. When does the oil run out?
5. What is she told to do with the oil?

## Interpretation

*This section is aimed at linking the current text to other texts or to the bigger biblical narrative. If you are running out of time, feel free to skip this section.*

1. Read Exodus 22:21-24 and Leviticus 25:39-43.  
What laws has God instituted for the Israelites in these passages? How are these laws not being followed in 1 Kings 4:1-7?
2. Read Psalm 68:1-6 and James 1:26-27.  
What people in these passages does God seem to have a special concern for?

3. Read Deuteronomy 10:12-18.  
What does v18 tell us about God's care for the fatherless, widow and foreigner?
4. Read Ezekiel 22:6-8.  
The book of Ezekiel is written during the Jewish captivity in Babylon. What is one of the reasons they are experiencing judgement?
5. With this in mind, what does 1 Kings 4:1-7 tell us about the state of Israel in this story?

## Application

*This section is aimed at helping people apply what we have read in the text to our lives. It is intended to foster more open-ended discussion as people connect the text to their everyday life, and reflect on how it changes the way they think and act.*

1. How does God's care for the vulnerable challenge you today?
2. When you are in a desperate situation, what is the first place you usually look to for help?
3. The widow in this story accessed God's solution for her situation by consulting God's prophet. We now have God's will and his word in a written, accessible format. How often do you consult God's word to find a way forward in the midst of situations you face?