



# CG LEADER DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MISSION CAMPUS

MARCH 1 - 7, 2020

## INFO AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- FAMILY GAMES NIGHT is coming up on March 6! Doors will open at 5:30pm and dinner will be served at 6:00pm. We are looking forward to an evening of fun, games, free dinner, prizes and more! RSVP online today.
- SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING Join us for a Special General Meeting on Tuesday, March 10th at 7:00pm in the Worship Center at our Downes Road Campus. We will be discussing all things Building: budget, timeline, and vote.
- MEN'S BREAKFAST Come on out on March 14, 8:00am - 9:00am, and have an amazing breakfast, connect with other Northview men, and be challenged by God's Word. Our speaker this morning will be Pastor Mark Burch. RSVP online.
- SELAH: PRAYER + PRAISE NIGHT Join us on March 29, 5:30PM. Selah is an evening of extended worship for engaging with God and one another in song and prayer. The goal of this evening is to break from our busy-ness and adore the triune God together. Nursery child care available.
- MEN'S RETREAT You are invited to the 2020 Northview Men's Retreat at Rockridge Canyon in Princeton, BC. Together we will be challenged through God's Word, worship through song, eat amazing food, and spend time as brothers in Christ enjoying the wonders of creation. Register online today!

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Content: Pray that God would challenge us through his word and grow us in our ability to notice those in need.
- Connect: Pray for the care team at Northview and the many ministries who reach out to those in need.
- Care: Consider using this time to write out a note of encouragement or a prayer to someone in need.
- Commission: Pray that God would send us out into our workplaces, neighborhoods and families humbled by his grace.

## 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?  
*She was the wife of a man from the company of prophets (v1).  
She is concerned that she will need to give her sons as slaves to her creditors in order to work off debt (v1).*
3. What is Elisha's response to her? What are his instructions?  
*He asks how he can help her, and asks what she has on hand (v2). He instructs her to collect jars from her neighbours (v3). Go inside, shut the door, and pour the oil into the jars (v3).*
4. When does the oil run out?  
*When her son says there are no more jars - they have filled all the jars (v5).*
5. What is she told to do with the oil?  
*Sell it and pay the debts and live off the proceeds.*

### 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?  
*Ex. - they are commanded not to wrong foreigners or widows. God will hear their cry if they are wronged, and He will take action.  
Lev. - If someone has debt and needs to work it off, they can not be taken as slaves (v39). They also need to be released at the year of jubilee (v40).  
The people are not taking care of the widow as seen by the detail she has debt. The "Creditors" are willing to break the law and take her sons as slaves.*

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?  
*The fatherless and widow.*
3. Read Deuteronomy 10:12-18.  
What does v18 tell us about God's care for the fatherless, widow and foreigner?  
*He defends their cause and provides for their needs.*
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?  
*They have mistreated the vulnerable (ie. fatherless and widow and foreigner).*
5. With this in mind, what does 1 Kings 4:1-7 tell us about the state of Israel in this story?  
*Israel is neglecting to follow God's commands. People are not taking care of the vulnerable, but rather taking advantage of them.*

### 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?  
*Various Answers*
2. When you are in a desperate situation, what is the first place you usually look to for help?  
*It is commendable here that the widow seeks help from the LORD through his prophet. We often try to figure things out on our own or talk with friends and people who may commiserate with us, rather than praying about the situation and seeking the LORD's guidance.*
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?  
*Various Answers*