



# SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

EAST ABBOTSFORD CAMPUS

MARCH 15, 2020

## INFO AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### • **Services & Programs Cancelled Until Easter Weekend:**

Visit [northview.org](http://northview.org) to listen to Pastor Jeff's announcement regarding COVID-19. Northview will reevaluate the situation for Easter Services.

- The Men's Retreat April 3-5 at Rockridge Canyon is cancelled.
- Men's & Women's Bible Studies will not be meeting, but online resources will be made available for study.
- Keep an eye on our website as we work to provide online discipleship tools for you and your family!
- Watch the complete worship service online! Our music, prayer and sermon will all be available at [northview.org](http://northview.org).
- **Women's Conference May 1-2** || Details & registration at [northview.org/women](http://northview.org/women)
- **Baptism Class May 6** || Fill out the online Questionnaire at [northview.org/baptism](http://northview.org/baptism) || 7-9pm in West Court || ASL interpretation available
- **Membership Class May 9, 16, 23** || Fill out the online questionnaire at [northview.org/membership](http://northview.org/membership) || 7-9pm in West Court
- **Secret Church 20: God, Government, and the Gospel** || May 8 or May 23 || Visit [northview.org/secret-church](http://northview.org/secret-church) for event details and to register.
- Sign up for Northview's Newsletter at [northview.org](http://northview.org) to never miss another event.

### 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 TEXT-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.

### 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

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This week our sermon text will deviate from our Elisha sermon series. Feel free to do one of the following:

- Continue working through the text and learning from 2 Kings 4:38-44 based on the questions provided;
- Read through the 4 texts that Jeff will be preaching on and reflect on how each text personally challenges or encourages you during this time of uncertainty. The headings and texts are:
  - Let's Obey Our Government - *Romans 13:1-2*
  - Behold our Frailty - *Psalms 103:15-16*
  - Providence Often Interrupts our Plans - *James 4:13-16*
  - We are People of Hope - *1 Peter 5:6-11*

### 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 4:38-44.
2. What was wrong with the land in that region?  
*There was a famine in the land (v38)*
3. In the first story, who are the people Elisha met with?  
*The Company of Prophets (v38)*
4. What is wrong with the stew that was made?  
*There is death in the pot—and they were unable to eat it (v40).*
5. In the second story, what is special about the barley bread? What does this tell us about the man from Baal Shalishah?  
*It is made with the first ripe grain and new heads of grain (v42). He is bringing this bread to the man of God (v42) showing that he is still faithful to the Lord.*
6. In these stories, how does the Lord provide for His people?  
*First, by healing the stew (v41). Second, by multiplying the loaves and satisfying the hungry (v44).*

### 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 Deuteronomy 28:15-19.  
How does this text help us understand the problem that is happening in the land?  
*There is a famine as a curse because the peoples have rebelled against God.*

2. Read Exodus 15:22-26.  
a) What are some similarities between this text and 2 Kings 4:38-41?  
*Something unfit to consume which the Lord heals through His prophet.*  
b) In Exodus 15:26, what does the Lord promise to the faithful?  
*The faithful will not experience the disease that came upon Egypt (including famine).*
3. Read John 6:28-40.  
In this passage, Jesus feeds the 5000 then explains it to the disciples. How does the feeding of the 100 in 2 Kings 4 serve as a foreshadow of Christ?  
*Jesus is the true bread through whom His people find true satisfaction.*

### 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. To whom do you look for true satisfaction and provision? What are things in our world which promise satisfaction but fail to fully provide? How do we focus on Jesus rather than on the things which do not bring satisfaction and provision?  
*Various Answers*
2. How can you help people recognize their need for healing and satisfaction which can only come through Christ this week?  
*Various Answers*

**Spend time praying for opportunities to share this gospel hope in your day-to-day lives.**