

2 Kings 4:1-7

1. Emptiness

Psalm 107:9; Matthew 5:6; John 6:35

2. Exception

God was about to multiply something that wasn't even worth mentioning.

Stop waiting for what you want and start working with what you have.

3. Enough

2 Corinthians 4:7; Romans 12:2

Select a scripture to be the script for this year.

Small Group Outline & Discussion Questions

Celebrate and Care:

Have each person share a high and low from this past week.

Review:

Choosing scripture to be the script for your life will transform the way you think.

Open Up:

Are you more of a feeler or a thinker?

Discuss:

Choose one or two questions for your group to discuss as time allows.

- ▶ How does God feel when we are empty?
- ▶ Toby Mac's response to his son's death was not the normal script. He said, "We want the world to know this: We don't follow God because we have some sort of under the table deal with him, like, 'we'll follow you if you bless us.' We follow God because we love him. It's our honor. He is the God of the hills and the valleys. And he is beautiful above all things." What would it take to have this kind of response? Read Romans 12:2.
- ▶ At this time in your life are you more likely to feel empty because you are bored, spent, or hurt?
- ▶ Read Psalm 107:9, Matthew 5:6, and John 6:35. When we acknowledge "emptiness as an indicator" what are ways we can be filled? Which way(s) work best for you?
- ▶ God met the widow in this story with a unique miracle. Why isn't there just a formula you can use to do the right things and get what you want?

Engage:

Spend 1-2 minutes in silence with these questions then share your thoughts.

Pastor Matt said, "Being determined in our faith is a decision not a feeling." Where in your life does God want you to be determined in your faith?

Is there something God wants you to see when you read: "Stop waiting for what you want and start working with what you have"?

What is your scripture for the year?

Pray:

Invite God to work within you this year "giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him."