



Pod Bible Reflection Questions for the week of 10/30/16

1 Kings 17:1-24

Follow Up on Last Week's Response

1. What specific promise of God can help you in your current circumstances or challenges?
2. How can you begin to live according to God's promises this week?
3. How will you respond to this passage in your relationship with God (Up)? In your relationship with those in the church (In)? Or, in your relationship with those outside the church (Out)?

Read the Passage(s): 1 Kings 17:1-24

Introduction

1. When has God provided for you in difficult circumstances?
2. Do you believe that hope is a matter of perspective? Why or why not?

What Does it Say? (Context? Who? What? Where? How? Why? When?)

1. Explain the setting of the passage. What is happening in the life of Israel? (16:29-17:1)
2. Who is the woman that God provides for Elijah through? Why is this significant?
3. How does God provide for Elijah, and then for Elijah and the widow's family?
4. How does the widow respond to her son's death? How does Elijah respond? (vs.17-23)
5. What effect does God's answer to Elijah's prayers have on the widow? (vs. 24)

What Does it Mean?

1. Why does God use the unexpected to provide for Elijah and the widow...and for us?
2. How can we learn to look for God's provision in difficult times?
3. Why does God ask us to give out of our first fruits instead of out of our excess (e.g. Elijah asks the widow to make him bread first with the last of her oil and flour)? (vs.11-16)
4. How can we keep our current pain or disappointment from blinding us to God's provision?
5. In what ways do we see the principles of this passage come to life in Jesus Christ?

What Will We Do?

1. Where do we see God providing for us in difficult circumstances, and/or in unexpected ways?
2. In what way is God inviting you to look beyond your circumstances at how He is already providing?
3. How can you respond to this passage in your relationship with God (Up)? In your relationship with those in the church (In)? Or, in your relationship with those outside the church (Out)?

Pray Together about What God is Inviting Us to Do