SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of August 2-8, 2020 "LITTLE IS MUCH WHEN GOD IS IN IT"

GETTING STARTED

To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

Where in the world would you travel to if you knew that you were gonna stay there for at least one year? (Why?)

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read 2 Kings 4:1-7.

- 1. When you look at how the widow handled her situation, do you think she was determined to get an answer or just simply too distressed with her situation? Aside from going to Elisha, what are other possible options that she could've pursued or considered?
- 2. We all have prayers that are "general" and "specific" in different stages of our lives. When you evaluate your prayers this week, did they tend to be general in nature (e.g. "Lord, please save my officemates") or very specific (e.g. "Lord, I pray for my friend John, that you would help him find Jesus")? What advantages are there to being specific in prayer? Any negatives?
- 3. Discuss. God's law called for the Israelites to be a people who cared for the widow and the fatherless (Deut. 10:18; 24:19). The New Testament reiterates this call as a measure of true and undefiled religion (James 1:27). Many Christians today either don't reflect this at all or focus too much on the "social" aspect that it replaces the real gospel. What do you think is the right balance?
- 4. Read Psalm 138:6; Proverbs 3:34; Proverbs 29:23; Matthew 23:12; James 4:6; 1 Peter 5:5-6. What thought is repeated? Why do you think this is repeated so much in the Bible? What lesson does this teach us? Why do you think is this posture very important when we come before the Lord?
- 5. Pastor Nic said, "Oftentimes, we do not realize that what we have (even if it's little) is more than enough for God." In what aspect of your life is this speaking to today? And what step of obedience does it entail?

- 6. What one aspect about God does this story reveal to you? In what way has this enlarged your view of who God is?
- 7. What happens to us gives God an opportunity to do something in us. What are some ways that our hearts are hardened in times of testing? What does Hebrews 3:7-9 warn us of? Describe a time when you were tested that then gave you an opportunity to grow.

8. [NEXT STEPS]

Little is much when God is in it.

- I will not hesitate to run to God first in whatever circumstance I face.
- ☐ I will look to the sufficiency of God.
- I will obey God.
- ☐ I will open myself to God's opportunities to teach me.

Don't forget to:

- ☐ Go through the devotionals everyday this week.
- ☐ Have a regular daily time of prayer and reading of God's Word.
- Commit 30 minutes a day for God's intervention in this fight against the COVID virus.

CLOSING THE SESSION.

Close the session by taking the time to <u>pray for one another</u>. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray for a posture of humility and sensitivity to listen to God's voice.
- Take the time to pray for our nation, for peace and for the gospel to prosper during this time of the pandemic.
- Pray for those who are hurting, going through fear, worry and anxiety in the group.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends and loved ones.