



Small Group Study Questions

Week 3

2 Kings 4:11-37 (NASB 1995)

11 One day he came there and turned in to the upper chamber and rested. 12 Then he said to Gehazi his servant, "Call this Shunammite." And when he had called her, she stood before him. 13 He said to him, "Say now to her, 'Behold, you have been careful for us with all this care; what can I do for you? Would you be spoken for to the king or to the captain of the army?'" And she answered, "I live among my own people." 14 So he said, "What then is to be done for her?" And Gehazi answered, "Truly she has no son and her husband is old." 15 He said, "Call her." When he had called her, she stood in the doorway. 16 Then he said, "At this season next year you will embrace a son." And she said, "No, my lord, O man of God, do not lie to your maidservant."

17 The woman conceived and bore a son at that season the next year, as Elisha had said to her.

18 When the child was grown, the day came that he went out to his father to the reapers. 19 He said to his father, "My head, my head." And he said to his servant, "Carry him to his mother." 20 When he had taken him and brought him to his mother, he sat on her lap until noon, and then died.

28 Then she said, "Did I ask for a son from my lord? Did I not say, 'Do not deceive me'?"

30 The mother of the lad said, "As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." And he arose and followed her.

32 When Elisha came into the house, behold the lad was dead and laid on his bed.

35 Then he returned and walked in the house once back and forth, and went up and stretched himself on him; and the lad sneezed seven times and the lad opened his eyes. 36 He called Gehazi and said, "Call this Shunammite." So he called her. And when she came in to him, he said, "Take up your son." 37 Then she went in and fell at his feet and bowed herself to the ground, and she took up her son and went out.

Hebrews 11:35-36 (NASB 1995)

35 Women received back their dead by resurrection; and others were tortured, not accepting their release, so that they might obtain a better resurrection; 36 and others experienced mockings and scourgings, yes, also chains and imprisonment.

DIGGING DEEPER

When someone does something nice for you, what's etiquette for you to do?

Do you know people who "expect" something after doing something nice?

Read 2 Kings 4:8-17

Who is the most hospitable person you know?

What motivated the woman to do this for Elisha?

Elisha asks his servant how he could repay her kindness - even to talking to the king on her behalf. What does his servant say?

Read 2 Kings 4:18-31

Does it seem like the husband is a believer in God? Why or why not?

DIGGING DEEPER

Do you blame the woman for being sad and blaming Elisha?

Read 2 Kings 4:32-37

How does what Elisha is doing differ from some witchcraft practice?

Did Elisha know what the end result was going to be?

What should we do when sickness hits someone close to us?

PRAYER REQUEST