



Small Group Questions from May 11, 2025

Sermon: Necessity of the Crucible

1 Kings 17

Mother's Day 2025

1. Why did God send the famine?
2. Have you ever received God's provision in an unexpected way? From unexpected people...?
3. Is it possible God might bless His people through means His people consider "beneath" them? If so, give an example.
4. Do we usually determine if something is God's will by how pleasurable or absent of difficulties it might be? If the answer is yes, is this an accurate, reliable standard? So, you are saying God blesses, at least sometimes, through difficult? Then, what is the danger of applying the standard first mentioned in this #? Can you give some biblical examples?
5. Why does it seem more difficult for us to take God at His word during difficult times/ situations?
6. Why did God send Elijah to the brook? Why did God send Elijah to Zarephath? Was this in any way training for the conflict with the priests of Baal, Ahab and Jezebel? How?
7. How is Elijah's ministry similar to Jesus' ministry?
8. Read Luke 4 and notice the peoples' reaction to Jesus' mention of Elijah concerning this widow in 1 Kings 17 verses Israel's widows. Why did they react this way?