



Life Group Questions- Faith and Fire Series

Overview and introduction to Elijah: New Oil

Read 1 Kings 17:8-24

Questions

1. In looking at the known and seen characters of the story e.g. Elijah the prophet and the widow- in what ways were they experiencing a pressing or crushing in their everyday lives? How did they carry themselves during this process?(were they honest about what was happening? Did they share this? What was their response to one another? Help support, spiritual guidance, practical helps, service to one another?
2. Can you see the "New Oil" that God was producing in each of them? What is this? (increased faith in adversity, resilience , empathy, trust, obedience when it costs everything, serving from a known place or situation of pain, loss, decreased hope?)
3. Are you individually, as a family and /or church family in a season of crushing and pressing? Where is God pressing you/us?
4. Why do you think God is permitting this right now? And what does he desire our response to be?

5. Often times when God is taking ground and the Holy Spirit is on the move in multitude of ways, there is an increase in activity from the enemy. How can we(the church body) together uphold one another and push through in spite of the difficulties, challenges and obstacles?
6. Elijah surrendered his will and when God said go-he went to where he was sent. The widow surrendered her everything in the little resources she had left, she surrendered her natural emotions of hopelessness, fear, doubt and placed herself in trust to and in Gods promise from Elijah there would be supernatural provision daily causing faith to arise and be strengthened, serving one another . Is God through the pressing and crushing asking you to surrender everything- what does this look like? And what new oil is he producing in you to strengthen you and to serve others?