

Digging Deeper

Thoughtful Questions for This Week's Message by Pastor Scott

Welcome to *Digging Deeper*!

We've launched this weekly blog series designed to help you engage more deeply with Sunday's message. Whether you're new to church or have been following Jesus for decades, these discussion questions are meant to help you reflect, apply, and talk through the truths we explore together each week. You can use them on your own, with your family, or in a group setting.

Let's dig into this week's message from Pastor Scott:

Widow Woman at Zarephath

[1 Kings 17](#)

This week we looked at Elijah's encounter with the widow at Zarephath in 1 Kings 17. In a time of famine, Elijah asked this woman—already down to her last handful of flour and a little oil—to feed him first. It sounded impossible, even unreasonable. Yet in her willingness to trust, she discovered God's provision never ran dry.

Faith often stretches us in uncomfortable ways. It asks us to trust God when resources are scarce, when answers don't come quickly, and when obedience feels risky. We hope these questions will help you reflect on what faith looks like in our own lives and how God shows up when we dare to believe Him.

Reflecting on the Passage

- Read [1 Kings 17:8-12](#). What strikes you about the widow's initial response to Elijah's request? How does it reveal her situation and her fears?
- In verses [13-16](#), Elijah tells her not to be afraid. What role does trust play in moving from fear to obedience?
- Later in verses [17-24](#), God uses Elijah to bring the widow's son back to life. How does this deepen the story of faith and God's power?

Personal Application

- Where in your life right now do you feel like you only have "a handful of flour and a little oil left"? How is God asking you to trust Him there?

- Think about a time when you obeyed God even though it didn't make sense. How did you experience His provision?

Exploring Faith

- Corrie ten Boom said, *"Faith sees the invisible, believes the unbelievable, and receives the impossible."*

How does her perspective connect with the widow's story in 1 Kings 17?

- Charles Spurgeon said, *"Faith obliterates time, annihilates distance, and brings future things at once into its possession."*

How can this view of faith reshape how you handle waiting or uncertainty?

Community Impact

- How might God be calling you to encourage someone else's faith this week, especially if they feel like they're running out of hope?
- If our community saw us responding to challenges with faith instead of fear, what kind of witness would that be?

Closing Thoughts

The widow of Zarephath reminds us that faith is often tested when resources are low and the future feels uncertain. But in her small act of obedience, God provided more than she could have imagined.

We hope these questions lead you into deeper conversations with God and with others. Join us again next week for more ways to dig deeper into God's Word and grow in faith together.

Grace and peace,

The Belle Isle Community Church Team