

Small Group Study Notes  
2 Kings 4:1-37

1. There are those who seem surprised when one of God's people faces tragedy (v1-7). What points would you seek to make in explaining why God's people are not immune from suffering.
2. We have three people in a row who suffer calamities. Compare the reaction to their disasters of Joram (3:10) and Mesha (3:27) and the widow (4:1). Can you think of current reactions similar to each of these three?
3. Why do you think the widow is commanded to fill the oil jars in private?
4. At the end of the story this widows needs have all been met. But what do we say to those who have looked to God and who's needs are not met?
5. It could be said that 1 Peter 5:7 is a command. What does it mean for you to keep this command?
6. Many have seen the story of the Shunammite woman as an illustration of Mat 10:41. Do you have any current illustrations of Mat 10:41?
7. Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Samuel (and in time John) are the offspring of infertile couples. Each went on to be a leader. This boy is the fifth boy to be born supernaturally and yet he does not go on to be a leader. For what reason then was he born?
8. The village of Nain is very close to the village of Shunem. What are the main differences between the way Elisha acted in the face of death to the way Jesus acted in the face of death (Luke 7:11-17)?