



Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions

Topic: *God Hears A Desperate Prayer*

Text: 1 Kings 17:17-24

Service Date: March 22, 2026

Note: The questions are only a starting point for discussion. Don't hesitate to modify, adapt, or highlight only specific ones to fit your group and/or personal study.

Getting Started

- Share about a time that you prayed at length for something and God answered.
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Sermon Discussion

- How can relying upon God to provide your daily needs prepare you for a major faith event (job loss, sickness or loss of loved one, etc.)?
- Why do you think God sometimes allows hardship even when we are walking in obedience?
- How can we hold onto faith when life doesn't seem to "make sense"?
- After the loss of her son, the widow expresses raw grief and confusion. Do you find it easy or difficult to be honest with God about your pain? Why?
- The widow connected her tragedy with her sin. Have you ever experienced a painful event and felt like you are being punished for your sins?
- What kinds of questions have you brought to God in difficult seasons? How do you distinguish between questioning God in faith versus drifting into doubt?
- Elijah did not panic when the widow showed him her son. What helped Elijah keep his composure in that moment?
- Elijah took the boy into a quiet room to pray over him. Jesus did the same for the girl in Mark 5. How can being alone in a quiet room change our time and prayer with God?
- Read 1 Kings 17:19-21. Elijah prayed honestly, passionately, persistently, and specifically. Which area do you struggle with most in your own prayer life?
- Why do you think we often pray most intensely when we feel desperate? Have you ever experienced a time when desperation deepened your prayer life?

- Read 1 Kings 17:22-23. What stands out to you about how God answered Elijah’s prayer? How would this story have changed if the boy had not been revived?
 - How do you respond when God answers differently than you hoped? What does it mean to trust that God’s answer is for our ultimate good, even when it’s hard?
 - Read Daniel 3:16-18 (or 11-18 if you need more context). What can we learn from the faith of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in relation to the circumstances of our own lives?
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This Week’s Action Response

- Talking with God and resting in His presence is vital to helping us manage our circumstances. Closeness with God on the mountaintop helps prepare us for the valley, and crying out to God in our desperation brings us peace in the difficult seasons. Reflect on the following questions this week in your time with God:
 - What feels “dead” in your life right now? (A relationship, dream, hope, spiritual passion, etc.)
 - Do you believe God can bring life to that area? Why or why not?
 - Are you using the spiritual power available to you—through prayer, faith, and surrender?
 - What is one specific step you can take this week to invite God into that situation?

Help Make a Difference

- Starting Strong, a program of the nonprofit Fostering Further, supports young adults ages 18–24 who have aged out of the foster care system. They are actively seeking volunteers to play a vital role in helping these young people build life skills, confidence, and community. Volunteer Opportunities Include:
 - Direct Support Volunteers (Application required)
 - Adulting 101 Classes
 - Help with our monthly Adulting 101 class (2 hours, one evening per month), which includes a meal, community connection, and hands-on life skills for independent living.
 - Learn to Drive Opportunities
 - Support young adults as they work toward obtaining their driver’s license—from studying for the permit test to practicing driving skills. Time commitment is flexible based on your availability.
 - Building relationships with young adults through mentorship, transportation assistance, shared meals, and providing a listening ear.
 - Behind-the-Scenes Support (No application required)
 - Assist by providing meals, helping with building maintenance, or picking up/delivering items as needed.

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