



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
R O C H E S T E R

Growth Group Discussion Guide
May 9, 2021 | Mother's Day

Refresh

Read 1 Kings 17:8-24 to get the Scripture passage back in your mind.

Discuss

Seriously, if you were in the widow's shoes, would you have given Elijah the water and bread? Why or why not?

Why are we often harshest to those closest to us when we are in pressure-filled, difficult situations? What practical steps can we take to avoid this from happening?

The widow blamed Elijah and her past sin for the death of her child. Why are people tempted to believe that past sin is the source of suffering (i.e. Job's friends)? Is this a Biblical response to suffering? How does John 9:3 shed light on this kind of thinking?

Has there been a time of suffering in your life that you now look back on and see how God used it to strengthen and grow your faith? How did God specifically work in your life through that trial?

In 1 Kings 17, we see a story of a suffering mom. Moms have a profound impact in our development and growth. Is there a significant spiritual lesson you have learned from your mom?

The pain and suffering of this mom in Zarephath is so clearly shown in this text. And although it may not be to the degree of this widow, all moms have felt seasons of pain and suffering in motherhood. In what ways is being a mother particularly painful and challenging? Ladies, how might we as men better serve our moms and wives who bear the unique burden of motherhood every day?

The widow at Zarephath believed in the Word of the Lord through Elijah. However, many of our moms are not believing. As a group, spend some time in prayer for moms of those in your group who have not yet believed the promises of God found in the Person of Jesus Christ.

