



## Ice Breaker (in groups of 2 or 3 for larger groups)

What is your favorite thing to do when you have free time? How does this bring you joy?

## Talk About it!

### QUESTION 1

#### James 2:14-17 New Living Translation

14 What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? 15 Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, 16 and you say, "Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well"—but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do?

17 So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless.

#### Discuss:

What does it mean that faith without works is dead? On a scale of 1 to 10, How do you feel like you've been LIVING out your faith recently? Why?

### QUESTION 2

#### 2 Kings 4:1-7 New Living Translation

4 One day the widow of a member of the group of prophets came to Elisha and cried out, "My husband who served you is dead, and you know how he feared the Lord. But now a creditor has come, threatening to take my two sons as slaves."

2 "What can I do to help you?" Elisha asked. "Tell me, what do you have in the house?"

"Nothing at all, except a flask of olive oil," she replied.

3 And Elisha said, "Borrow as many empty jars as you can from your friends and neighbors. 4 Then go into your house with your sons and shut the door behind you. Pour olive oil from your flask into the jars, setting each one aside when it is filled."

5 So she did as she was told. Her sons kept bringing jars to her, and she filled one after another. 6 Soon every container was full to the brim!

"Bring me another jar," she said to one of her sons.

"There aren't any more!" he told her. And then the olive oil stopped flowing.

7 When she told the man of God what had happened, he said to her, "Now sell the olive oil and pay your debts, and you and your sons can live on what is left over."

#### Discuss:

Is it difficult for you to move towards God when you are going through a painful season? Why or Why not?



## QUESTION 3

### 2 Kings 4:3 New Living Translation

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#### Discuss:

Elisha uses the woman's community to bring the miracle in her life. Who would be those people for you?  
How can healthy community change us for the better?

## QUESTION 4

### 2 Kings 4:5-7 New Living Translation

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#### Discuss:

What is the end result for the woman? What does this teach us about the character of God? What is one thing you are taking away from this passage for your own life?