

## **Activate Group Resource for 7 October – Giving From a Place of Need (1 Kings 17:7-24)**

### **Big Idea:**

The Blessing that God can give, when you give out of your place of need.

### **1 Kings 17:7-24 )The Widow at Zarepath)**

<sup>15</sup> She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. <sup>16</sup> For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah...

<sup>19</sup> "Give me your son," Elijah replied. He took him from her arms, carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his bed. <sup>20</sup> Then he cried out to the LORD, "O LORD my God, have you brought tragedy also upon this widow I am staying with, by causing her son to die?" <sup>21</sup> Then he stretched himself out on the boy three times and cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this boy's life return to him!"

### **Key Points:**

Everyone has real challenges and difficulties. God's word is greater than the difficulties that we face. The widow had lived through 3yrs of famine. The widow is faced with choosing to be led by her circumstances or by what God is saying to her.

### **Discussion Questions:**

- 1) Elijah has come from a place of comfort to a place of difficulty (Zarepath means a place of difficulty). What is the significance?
- 2) The widow's obedience to God's word through the prophet was remarkable. How does this apply to our circumstances?
- 3) God's Kingdom is an upside down kingdom. What does that mean?
- 4) The widow had to activate her faith by feeding Elijah. What does activating your faith look like for you? Ask the Holy Spirit to show you where you need to respond in obedience.
- 5) Give out of a joyful heart, not from manipulation. What does that look like for you?

### **Application:**

When we give from a place of need, our time, talents and resources, Heaven rejoices. We shouldn't base our lives on what we see, but what God says. You have to activate your faith to see the result. What are we doing with the seed in our lives that God has given us to sow?