

Sermon Based Small Group - Oct 13, 2019

Series: World Relief Sunday

Title: Wayne Johnson - Tearfund Canada

Scripture: 1 Kings 17:7-16

Introduction

- Wayne Johnson from Tearfund Canada was with us this Sunday and he shared on poverty in Ethiopia and around the world. Where have you encountered people in need? What was your response?

Reviewing the Teaching

- What stood out to you in this week's teaching?
- Did anything surprise you during this week's teaching?
- Are there any big questions that were left unanswered?
- If you had to summarize the teaching in only two sentences, what would you say?

Digging Deeper

- **Read 1 Kings 17:7-16**
- The Story here shows a widow demonstrating faith as she gives up her own food for Elijah. What are some choices you've made that have required faith?
- How is the choice this woman faced similar to some of the choices the Lord and His prophets have asked us to make? What might you have done if you had been in the widow's position? Why?
- When have you, or someone you know, acted in faith and experienced the Lord's blessings as a result?
- Describe a time when you decided to step out on faith and obey God even though that decision didn't seem to make sense to you at the time. Did that experience strengthen your relationship with God? If so, how?
- In this passage and the wider story, we see God teaching Elijah to trust him and depend on him daily for food and water. This is provided by Ravens (1 Kings 17:2-6) and the Widow (1 Kings 17:7-16). What are you daily trusting God for right now?
- Describe a time in your life when things felt very desperate but you saw God meet your needs. What did you learn from the experience?
- Elijah's need leads him to encounter the Widow, which ends with him blessing the Widow and her son. In what way might God use your current needs to create a blessing for others?

Application

- In light of this week's teaching, what changes will you make to respond to poverty in our city, or around the world?
- Do you know your neighbours? How often do you interact with them? What are you doing to reach out and serve in the area around you?