

# BibleWise

## Discussion Questions – Elisha

Read II Kings 2-13

Widow and the pot of oil: (II Kings 4:1-7)

- Does this story remind you of another healing? (Elijah and the widow)
- What was going to happen to this woman?
- What did Elisha ask her? [one of my favorite questions in the Bible: what hast thou in the house?]
- What does that question mean?
- Have you ever had to see what you've had in the house for survival? ·
- What did the woman and her sons do?
- What did you learn from this story?

The Shunammite: (II Kings 4: 8-37)

- Elisha must have been an incredible man. Why? (a woman in Shunem invited him to eat bread; had her husband fix a room for him when he came to town - she saw he must be a man of God)
- Do people know we belong to God when they meet us? Why or why not?
- What would we need to do with our lives for others to see God through us?
- Who was Gehazi? (Elisha's servant)
- What did Elisha ask Gehazi? (what he could do for the woman)
- What was Gehazi's response? (the woman didn't have a son)
- Did she believe Elisha when he told her she was going to have a baby?
- Did she have a son? (yes)
- What happened to her son?
- What did the Shunammite woman do when she noticed her son was dead? (put him on Elisha's bed, got a donkey and a servant to ride with her to find Elisha)
- Where would she go to find Elisha? (Mount Carmel)
- Why did she go get Elisha?
- What was so special about him?

- Did she go to complain?
- When Elisha sent Gehazi to inquire if everything was all right, how did she respond? (It is well. Other translations say, "Everything is fine.")
- Why didn't she complain?
- Elisha understood something was wrong and after the woman told him her child had died, what did he do? (sent Gehazi with Elisha's staff to put on the child)
- Did this revive the boy? (No)
- What did Elisha do? (II Kings 4:33-37)
- Was this healing like any Elijah performed? (I Kings 17:21)

#### Poison in the Pot (II Kings 4:38-41)

- Where did Elisha visit the sons of the prophets? (Gilgal)
- What was wrong with the pottage (stew)? (one of the prophets had gathered a wild gourd)
- What did Elisha do to remedy the problem? (sprinkled in meal)
- Is that all he did? Do you think there was something else he did?
- Is there anything we need to be careful of when we gather food in a field? (mushrooms, other?)
- What does this require of us? Just to be careful of what we put in the pot? Is something more required?

#### Twenty Loaves of Bread (II Kings 4: 42-44)

- What is one of the most common themes of the stories about Elijah and Elisha? (supply)
- Discuss the Teen Time article on [Infinite Supply](#).
- What happens in this story?
- Why did the man doubt that Elisha could feed 100 men with only twenty loaves of bread?
- Does this story remind you of any other in the Bible? (Jesus feeding the multitudes - lots more people and a lot less bread initially - but everyone was full, with scraps left over)
- Do you believe this is possible?

- How can we daily demonstrate this in our lives?
- What great lessons do you learn from Elijah and Elisha?