

Discipleship Group

FRESH OIL Group Study

Full Message: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qZ-kDdzvdyg>

This week, Ps Luke shared our focus for the year ahead – FRESH OIL. God is willing to fill any room that we create for him, not only to bless us, but the generations to come.

KEY TEXT:

2 Kings 4:1-11

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.”

KEY POINTS:

- Fear of the Lord + Our Faith will release God’s Favour
 - The measure of our faith determines the quantity of His favour
- What little we have is more than enough in the hands of God
 - Faith requires *obedience*
- Fresh oil provides: Refreshment, Renewal, Restoration
- Fresh Oil: Restores our heart, Renews our calling, Cleanses our motives, Sustains our Hope
- Matt 16:25, Acts 10:38, Psalm 23
- Fresh oil was a precious resource to shepherds because of its versatility and still today provides:
 - POWER to heal what is hurting
 - PROVISION to ease the friction
 - PROTECTION against the lies of the enemy
 - PRESENCE of God

DISCUSSION & PRAYER POINTS:

- What stands out in the account in 2 Kings 4?
- What’s challenging about this widow’s response?

- What does living with Fear of the Lord look like?
 - Unpack how living with the Fear of God is a gift and the difference between fear as we'd understand it in other context and Fear of God – as reverence, understanding of His power, sovereignty and majesty
- What area/s in your life are you needing power, provision, protection, God's presence?
- What are you believing for in this year of FRESH OIL?
- Take time to reflect further on the questions Ps Luke posed, discuss and take time to pray into needs and courage to step out and entrust God with what we do have in our hand
 - **Questions to reflect on:**
 - 1. What do I Need?**
 - 2. What do I Have?**
 - 3. What will I Bring?**
- Pray into personal needs, but also share and pray into what you're believing for as a group this year

ADDITIONAL TALKING POINTS:

- Discuss everyone's experience with the fast, what they noticed, what God spoke to them about, what they're believing for, what habits they are going to be more intentional about coming off the fast, celebrate the big and the small wins and help people see God in the details, not just the 'big' or the 'obvious'
- Talk about the anointing moment on Sunday, share experiences and celebrate how God speaks so uniquely and personally to us
 - Encourage those that didn't 'feel' or sense anything particular in that moment that the anointing is preparation for what's ahead – pray that they might have opportunities to step out in faith this week, knowing God's already gone before them

Coming into Discipleship Sunday, continue to till and prepare your group's hearts for growth and multiplication, pray for those who haven't yet experienced the fruit of being a part of a discipleship community, pray for leaders to be raised up and share ways that each of us can embrace others with open arms, actively and intentionally welcoming them into the family.