

Getting To Know You

1. What is your biggest takeaway from this series on miracles? What has challenged you the most?
2. What kind of financial situation did you grow up in: often tight, usually enough, or always plenty? How has this shaped your understanding of provision? Explain.
3. If just one material thing could make your life easier or better, what would it be?
4. Charles Swindoll said, "The size of a challenge should never be measured by what we have to offer. It will never be enough. Furthermore, provision is God's responsibility, not ours. We are merely called to commit what we have - even if it's no more than a sack lunch." Thoughts? Agree? Disagree?
5. Billy Graham said, "We can be certain that God will give us the strength and resources we need to live through any situation in life that he ordains. The will of God will never take us where the grace of God cannot sustain us." Thoughts? Agree? Disagree?
6. Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Digging Deeper

1. Make a list of some of your needs and some of your wants. What is on your list? What do you value the most? What are the main differences between the two?

What are some reasons you think God would want to miraculously meet needs in your life?

2. How have you seen God guide you to a place where He also provided for you? Read 2 Corinthians 9:10-11. Have you ever seen God multiply your generosity? Explain.

Have you ever experienced a miracle of provision? How were you changed by it?

3. Read Matt. 6:25-34. What does God promise? What are we to avoid? In your life how often do you worry or experience anxiousness? When you are in this state, what does it say about your belief in God's promises? What is God calling us to? Is it easy or difficult for you to trust in God's provision? Explain.

4. Read 1 Kings 17:1-16. Who is Elijah? What did God call him to do? Who did Elijah trust for his provision? How did he demonstrate that? Explain. How did God provide for Elijah at the brook Cherith? Did Elijah ever lack his basic needs?

What did Elijah receive after the brook dried up? Why do we need a word from God? Why is this important? Explain. Once Elijah received the word of God, what did he do? Why is it important to respond to God's direction? How long did it take for Elijah to go to Zarephath? When God calls you to do something, how long does it take you to respond? Explain.

When Elijah gets to Zarephath, who is there to meet Elijah's needs? If you were the widow, what would you have done? Explain. How much faith was required from the widow? What was her mindset when she encountered Elijah?

What does Elijah say to her? What was the significance of this? How was the miracle of God's provision on display? As a result of the widow's faith how was she and her son blessed? Have you ever missed out on God's blessings because you didn't trust Him? Explain. What should we take away from this text?

5. Do you need any miraculous provision in your life right now? How can your Bible Group pray for you?

Has God ever used someone else to provide for you? Explain. What did it do for you physically? Emotionally? Spiritually? How can God use you as a miracle of provision for someone else? Ask Him to show you?

Growing Closer

1. Who is someone you shared the gospel with this week?
2. What have you been reading in your quiet times?
3. What has God been teaching you?

When Pigs Fly

The Miracle of Provision

1 Kings 17:1-16

- The promise of provision – Matt. 6:25-34

- The process of provision – 1 Kings 17:1-16

When you need a miracle of provision...

I. Get a Word from God – 1 Kings 17:8-9

II. Take Immediate Action – 1 Kings 17:10

III. Trust in God for the Answer – 1 Kings 17:11-16

Key Thought: "God uses others to provide for us. And God uses us to provide for others."