

BLANK CHECK

*Take a little time to review this week's sermon. Using your sermon notes and your Bible, answer the following questions before the group meeting.*

*Write out your answers so you'll feel more comfortable sharing them with the group. Have a great time!*

**I. Getting to Know You**

How did you experience God working in your life this week? How can we pray for you?

**II. Digging Deeper**

1. Using verses 1-2, how is this widow's situation different from the one in 1 Kings 17:8-12? How are they similar?
2. The deceased prophet and his widow appear to be good people (verse 1). What does that tell us about a Christian's potential of facing serious distresses?
3. Why do you think the widow was instructed to work in privacy (verse 4)? Are there any lessons for us – especially in today's (oversharing?) society?

4. What is the significance of Elisha finding out what the widow possessed (verse 2)? How is God's view of our possessions often different from ours?
5. How does Elisha's instructions in verse 3 to borrow "not too few [vessels]" reveal God's generosity?
6. How can we protect ourselves from becoming greedy if/when God gives us a blank check?

**III. Making it Personal**

7. How was the widow's situation with her sons similar to the spiritual state of the world? How is God's salvation similar to the provision for the widow?
8. What are some "blank checks" that God has given us that are not related to material things? How have you made use of these "checks"?
9. What stood out most to you this week?

**IV. Prayer**