

Nothing is Impossible

Week of January 17, 2016

These discussion questions can be used the week following the message. You can use these questions for personal growth and development, or as a guide for your Connect Group discussions.

Message

Read 2 Kings 4:1-7; Luke 18:27

Our God has manifested Himself to us in many ways, whether through the speaking of his words that bring life, or helping us overcome our daily red seas, fiery financial furnaces, or troubled lions dens. But why is it that smart people like us with admirable goals still often end up far from where we intended to be in all facets of our lives? The true answer is that we have still not realized that nothing matters more than our relationship with Jesus and nothing is impossible with God. God can use our smallest gift for his glory if we allow it.

Pray

Lord, open my eyes and heart to understand that only relationship with you unleashes the impossible and opens the doors of heaven. Help my little faith take big steps On The Road Ahead. Give me the strength to trust and obey. Give me the spirit to be willing to get involved, change lives and transform our community. Above all Lord, give me the grace and faith to overcome my struggles daily.

Share Your Experience This Week #SevernRun

Getting Started

- Have you ever received something that is supposed to grow, like seeds to plant in your garden, or a small loan for something you wanted to invest in to bring about financial breakthrough? What does it feel like receiving something intended for growth and expansion?
- If Jesus had personally handed you \$5.00 in a container today, what would you do with it if all He asked from you was to be fruitful and multiply?
- How is your 21-Day fast going?

Listening Deeply

- In 2 Kings 4:1-7, the widow only had a small amount of oil that she considered nothing, but God used it to do amazing things. What small gift do you have that you don't think God can use for his glory? Use this time to encourage one another's small giftings.
- 2. Read Luke 18:27. How is it that we often don't live up to the expectations of our own future? How does this verse challenge you to stop living small?
- 3. Describe a time when you have forfeited God's strength and call to obey because of divided priorities.
- 4. Lack of faith can erode the possibilities of great treasures from God. What faithlessness have you fallen prey to that needs exposure to God's light?
- 5. What do you think are possible hindrances that can make it impossible for The Church at Severn Run to reach 5,000 people? Can we avoid them? Do you see yourself as a possible hindrance by not obeying God's Word? What practical step can you take to contribute to our mission instead of hinder it?
- 6. What vision do you have to expand your \$5.00 to an impossible limit? If you aren't sure, talk as a group about a way you can work together on this unique challenge.

Living Wide in Jesus

The vulnerabilities of our crushing debts, pain, sin, and the brokenness of society can limit the possibilities of our faith in Jesus. But the simple truth we all must explore and adopt is putting our lack of faith to test by taking action through conscious steps of faith. The power of creation and the countless mind-drenching miracles in the scriptures should be enough for us to trust in God to accomplish great things like the widow in 2 Kings 4:1-7. As we get ready to take on the road ahead in 2016 ask yourself these simple questions:

- •What do you want?
- •What do you have?
- •What will you give?