

2026-09-16 Discussion Questions

The sermon describes two kinds of brokenness -- one that beats us down and one that enlarges our hearts -- how have you experienced the difference between these two in your own walk with God?

The pastor uses the image of sharks in a fish tank to illustrate how adversity keeps us spiritually strong; in what ways have you seen resistance or hardship actually deepen your faith rather than destroy it?

Ahab is described as someone who considered his sins trivial, treating them as no big deal -- in what areas of your life might you be tempted to minimize or rationalize behavior that God takes seriously?

The sermon raises the question of what God would write about you if he finished the sentence 'did more' with your name attached to it; what do you hope that sentence would say, and what would have to change for that to be true?

Elijah asked a starving widow to give him the last of her food before feeding herself and her son, which seems unreasonable by any human standard -- what does this moment reveal about the tension between human compassion and radical obedience to God?

The widow's response that she and her son would eat their last meal and then die reflects a raw, unsentimental honesty about her circumstances; how does facing the reality of our own limitations and mortality actually open us up to experiencing God's provision?

The pastor suggests that our emotional defenses and comfort zones can function as security blankets that prevent us from being obedient to God -- what personal walls or habits of self-protection might be keeping you from stepping into what God is asking of you?

Elijah told the widow 'don't be afraid' out of genuine experience with God rather than empty reassurance -- what would it take for you to speak that

kind of confidence-rooted-in-experience into someone else's life?

The sermon draws a connection between the fear of death and a weakened faith, arguing that Christ removed the sting of death for believers; in what practical ways do you think an unshakeable belief in resurrection and eternal life should change how you live day to day?

The pastor describes a 'designer God' that people shape to fit their lifestyle rather than submitting to the God revealed in Scripture -- where do you see this tendency most clearly in your own thinking, and what does it look like to adjust yourself to God rather than adjusting God to yourself?