

Hope City

Discussion Guide

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There's More Where That Came From

Revive me: Week 3

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Main Idea

Revival often begins when we stop focusing on what we have lost and surrender what we still have to God. In 2 Kings 4, the widow believed she had almost nothing left, but God used her small amount of oil as the starting point for a miracle. Her story reminds us that God is not limited by the size of our resources; He is looking for surrendered hearts, obedient faith, and room to work. When we make space for God and trust Him with what remains, He can revive what feels empty and produce more than we imagined.

Anchor Verse: “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” (Hebrews 11:1 KJV).

Read: Ezekiel 37:1–14 NIV

1. God Will Use What You Have Left

The widow initially believed she had nothing that could change her situation. Yet when Elisha asked what she had in her house, she remembered one small flask of olive oil. What looked insignificant to her became the very thing God used to begin her miracle. God repeatedly works this way throughout Scripture—taking what seems small, ordinary, or insufficient and using it for His purposes. Instead of measuring our future by what we have lost, we can surrender what remains and trust God to breathe new life into it.

Scripture: 2 Kings 4:1–2 NLT

Discussion: What loss or disappointment has tempted you to believe that you do not have enough left for God to use?

What is your “little oil” right now, something God has already placed in your hands that you may have overlooked or considered insignificant?

How would your perspective change if you stopped measuring your future by what you lost and began looking at what God has preserved?

2. Your Obedience Makes Room For The Oil

Before anything in the valley changed, God asked Ezekiel, “Can these bones live?” God was not asking Ezekiel to describe what he could see; He was challenging him to consider what he believed. Faith does not deny the reality of a difficult situation, but it refuses to allow that situation to have the final word. God then instructed Ezekiel to speak to the bones before there was any visible evidence of change. Sometimes obedience looks ridiculous before it looks miraculous, but our obedience can become the runway for God’s power.

Scripture: 2 Kings 4:3–4 NLT

Discussion: Where is God asking you to trust Him before you see evidence of change? What is the difference between ignoring reality and refusing to let reality have the final word? Has God given you an instruction that feels uncomfortable, unusual, or difficult to understand? What step of obedience do you need to take even though the outcome is still uncertain?

SOMETIMES OBEDIENCE LOOKS RIDICULOUS BEFORE IT EVER LOOKS MIRACULOUS

3. The Oil Only Stopped When They Ran Out Of Room

As long as the widow had an empty jar, the oil continued to flow. The limitation in the story was never God’s supply; it was the amount of available capacity. We can become so full of worry, distraction, offense, control, busyness, and our own plans that we leave little room for God to work in us. Revival therefore requires more than asking God to give us something new—it may require allowing Him to empty us of things we were never meant to continue carrying. Every surrendered, empty place becomes space God can fill with His presence, grace, strength, and power.

Scripture: 2 Kings 4:5–6 NLT

Discussion: What is currently taking up space in your heart or life that may be limiting your capacity to receive what God wants to do?

Is there something from a previous season—hurt, offense, fear, disappointment, control, or even an old expectation—that God may be asking you to release?

Complete this prayer honestly: “God, empty me of _____ so there is more room for You.”

REVIVAL REQUIRES AN EMPTY SPACE.

SUMMARY

The widow's miracle began with something small, but it ended with enough provision to pay her debts and establish a future for her family. God did not merely address her immediate crisis; He restored her hope and changed what tomorrow could look like. The message of this story is not that we must manufacture more strength, faith, or resources on our own. It is that whatever we have left can become enough when it is surrendered to God. Heaven does not have a supply problem—there is still grace, mercy, power, and oil. Our invitation is to bring God what remains, obey His direction, and make room for Him to fill the empty places.

CALL TO ACTION

This week, identify one area of your life where you need God to revive you. Instead of beginning with what you wish you had, identify the “little oil” God has already given you—your remaining faith, strength, time, gift, prayer, worship, or willingness. Then take one specific act of obedience that creates room for God to work.

Set aside intentional time this week and pray:

“God, show me what I need to surrender. Empty me of what does not belong, help me obey what You have already spoken, and make more room in me for You. Take what I have left, fill the empty places, and revive me.”

GROUP LEADER RESOURCE

Game: What's Left in the Jar?

Purpose:

This lighthearted activity connects the group to the sermon's central idea: what looks small or insignificant can become meaningful when placed in the right hands.

What You Need:

A jar, bowl, or container and several small slips of paper.

How to Play:

Before the group begins, write simple everyday items on individual slips of paper. Examples could include: one paper clip, a rubber band, one dollar, a plastic spoon, a shoelace, a sticky note, a bottle cap, a pencil, a napkin, or one piece of candy.

Place all the slips in the jar.

One person at a time draws an item and has **20 seconds** to give as many creative uses for that item as possible. The group counts each legitimate answer. Continue for several rounds, and the person with the most creative uses wins.

Transition to Discussion:

After the game, ask:

“Did you notice how something that seemed small or almost useless could become valuable once you looked at it differently?”

Then connect the activity to the sermon:

The widow looked at her oil and saw something too small to matter. God saw the starting point of a miracle. Sometimes we need God to change how we see what is already in our hands.

Leader Closing Question:

“What is one thing you may have been calling ‘not enough’ that God could be asking you to surrender to Him?”