Sermon Discussion Guide

2 Kings 4:1-7 Tom Groelsema

"Help of the Helpless"

Sunday morning, October 25th, 2026

1. Do you ever feel as if the Lord has left you? Based on this passage how can we be encouraged in those times?

2. How can God's care for the widow inform us about who God is and how he interacts with us?

3. Pastor Tom noted that the widow (1) expressed her need to God (through Elisa), (2) expected God's help, (3) encountered God personally behind closed doors and (4) experienced God's open hand. Describe a circumstance on which you have seen God work through expression, expectation, encounter and/or experience?

4. The widow was instructed to get jars and "not too few of them". When we approach God are we prone to gather "too few" jars? What would too few jars look like as we approach the things that are consistently on our prayer list?

5. What role did the "community" play in this story?

6. Pastor Tom ended by saying we need to act and pray. Can you think of a time when you approached a problem by acting and not praying? How about praying and not acting? How does acting and praying prepare us for God's provision-even if delayed or denied?

7. We can come to prayer with pride in our hearts that we know better than God in how He should act, but we can also come in prayer with lack of confidence that God can really do more than all we ask or imagine. In which of these two 'ditches" do you tend to fall? How can the promises of God and His faithfulness in the past help you grow in prayer?