



## Sermon Discussion Questions

Sermon Series: Elijah: A Man Just Like Us (Part 2)

### "Never Despise Your Hidden Years"

1 Kings 17

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For the SDG leader:

These are questions suggested to trigger and stimulate discussion. You don't need to ask all twenty of them. Select some from 'There and Then' and shift to 'Here and Now' as you see fit.

#### THERE AND THEN

1. What was happening to Israel at the time of this passage?
2. What was Elijah's role?
3. What made him so bold to tell King Ahab that there will be a drought?
4. What were the possible reasons God told Elijah to hide?
5. What do you think was Elijah doing while being 'inactive'?
6. What must have gone through Elijah's mind as he saw the brook drying up?
7. Read Luke 4:24-26 and its context. Why do you think God sent Elijah to a Gentile widow, given that there were many widows in Israel?
8. Compare Elijah's attitude towards scarcity with that of the widow.
9. What do you think Elijah was doing while staying with the widow?
10. What do you think the widow meant when she told Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God and that your word is truth?"

#### HERE AND NOW

1. What are your experiences that are similar to Elijah's?
2. Have you gone through times where nothing is happening? Please describe.
3. How did you cope during these periods?
4. What are the 'ravens', 'brooks' and 'widows' in your life?
5. What do we do when our resources dry up / are depleted?
6. Is it good or bad to want to be in the limelight? Why or why not?
7. What are the lessons we can learn when we are in obscurity?
8. If you had your share of hidden years and can live your life all over again, would you eliminate those hidden years? Why or why not?
9. How can you help others who are going through their own hidden years?
10. If you are in your hidden years, what do you want to ask God for?

Questions this week were prepared by Guest Speaker, Nelson Dy.