

Weekend Message Small Group Study

- complementing the sermon given at St. Paul on **11/6/15-11/7/15**.
- a meeting agenda organized per St. Paul core values
- estimated for a 90-minute meeting

Theme: Appointed...Who Me?

Equipping “the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ”—Eph. 4:12

Below is a tool to help delegate the leading/facilitating of meeting components between different small group members.

	Prayer (p.3)	Outreach (p.3)	Word of God (p.2)	Equipping (p. 3)	Worship - Our Redemption Response - (p.1)
Study component leader					

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Worship – *Our Redemption Response*

5 minutes

Takes turns reading the following prayer, “God, You Hear”:

**God, you hear the calls,
the cries,
the voices raised,
the silent whispered prayers.**

**Israel, in her exile, crying out for a messiah.
Elizabeth, in her barrenness, calling out for a son.
Shepherds, in their poverty, praying for a savior.
Mary, in her innocence, searching for a safe place to give birth.**

**And still today the voices cry out.
In Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan,
in China, and here in the United States.**

**The homeless, in their vulnerability, asking for a welcome.
The rich, in their emptiness, longing for acceptance.
The lonely, in their busyness, crying for community.
The families, in their arguments, praying for peace.**

**God, you hear the calls,
the cries,
the voices raised,
the silent whispered prayers.**

**Hear our prayers today,
and help us, where we can, to be the answer to someone else's prayer.**

**In Jesus' name,
Amen.**

excerpt from engageworship.org, Sam Hargreave's "God You Hear Poem Prayer".

Word of God

45 minutes

1. How did you SEE God at work in your life this week?
2. What has God been teaching you in HIS WORD?
3. What is one of the most puzzling aspects of Scripture for you?
4. **Read 1 Kings 17:8-16.** What was the widow's condition?
5. What questions might have been racing in her mind/heart?
6. What was the call of God to Elijah in this account? What was the call of God to the widow in this account?
7. **Read 1 Kings 17:17-24.** What were the widow and her son's condition?

8. What was the call of God to Elijah in this account? What was the call of God to the widow in this account?

9. What is your take-away from this time in discussion of God's Word? When there is (seemingly) no way out, what is God's call to our lives and to those we love?

10. On your own, what words would you choose to complete the sentence below?

When there is no way out... _____ Jesus.

When everyone is done, go around and share your sentence. (And no worries if you drew a blank.)

Outreach

15 minutes

How may you share your sentence with one who believes there is no way out of their particular condition? What would this conversation look like? How may you, like Elijah, pray and cry out to God on this person's behalf?

Prayer

20 minutes

In your triads, share a prayer request based on what was discussed during this meeting's *Word of God* and/or *Outreach* time. What is that next step in your faith life God is calling you to make? What convicted you from God's Word and/or our discussion of His Word? Please also share a way in which the group may support/encourage you regarding what you've shared. Of course other important matters can be prayed about as well. After all have shared, pray for the person on your left (whether aloud or silently). Pray together in popcorn style (as opposed to going in order around a circle.)

Equipping *for coordinating next week's meeting...*

5 minutes

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