

Discussion Questions for Small Group



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Instructions: Listen to the Shabbat audio reading together as a small group. Have your Bibles with you and read along. After listening, go through the discussion questions below.

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Scripture Reading: Num 18:16-32, 2 kings 6:1-7:20, Acts 15:36-16:15, Psalm 142:1-7, Prov 17:24-25

1. Read Numbers 18:19 and compare it to 2 Chronicles 13:5 and Leviticus 2:13. What do you learn about the "covenant of salt" from these verses? Why do you think the LORD made with the covenant with the Levites?

2. Read Numbers 18:22 and compare it to Hebrews 10:19-22. What was the restriction laid down about approaching the Tabernacle? How did that restriction change?

3. Read 2 Kings 6:24-25. We see that a siege was laid upon the walled city of Samaria and a terrible famine has come upon the people.

a. How does this compare to the situation today found in many nations with food inflation?

b. How does this compare to the situation today where we see many food processing plants set on fire and livestock (chicken and beef) farms being destroyed? Do you think this is intentional? Is this a modern-day form of a "siege" to bring about famine?

c. Why do you think this modern-day siege is happening? Who is behind it and why are they doing it?

4. Read 2 Kings 7:1. By a "word of knowledge", Elisha prophesies some good news about the famine. What does he say will happen?

5. Read 2 Kings 7:5-7. The LORD caused the Arameans to fear for their lives and abandon their camp.

a. What might the LORD do today to put a stop to the manipulated food inflation/famine?

b. Take a few minutes as a group and pray into this. Ask the LORD to put a stop to it suddenly and miraculously.

6. Read 1 Corinthians 12:6-8. One of the spiritual gifts from the Holy Spirit is the "word of knowledge". What is the "word of knowledge"?

Comment: We saw that Elisha the prophet received "words of knowledge" from the LORD, and what he heard, he spoke out and he prophesied an end to the famine. Now let's look at another example of the "word of knowledge" at work with Paul.

7. Read Acts 16:9-10. How did the "word of knowledge" manifest for Paul? What was he shown to do?

8. Share a time in your life when you received a "word of knowledge" from the Holy Spirit. What did He show you? How did you respond? What did you do?

9. Read Acts 15:36-41. We see a sharp disagreement between Paul and John Mark. Paul and Barnabas separate because of this disagreement.

a. How did they handle the disagreement? Did their disagreement stop the gospel from going out?

b. What is the godly, biblical way to handle disagreement in the church body?

10. In a round-robin format, let each person in your group read Psalm 142:1-3 as a personal prayer. Pray out your burden/need as a petition before the LORD. Conclude by praising Him and thanking Him for how He is going to answer your prayer!