

Small Group Questions

Super Bloom Part 4: Looking For Rain

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Read

1 Kings 17:1

Reflect

In the story of Elijah, the Israelites waited over three years for the rain to water their crops, and end a drought. Oftentimes, it can feel like God isn't answering our prayers, or that he doesn't know our needs. But, when we are willing to trust him, even in difficult circumstances, we can begin to see the unexpected ways that God provides for our needs.

Pastor Josh Surratt gives us three ways that we can learn to trust God while we're waiting on his provisions.

How to Flourish Before Things Get Better:

1. Remember the source.

- a. Where do you tend to look for the things that only God can provide?
- b. Israel needed rain to survive. Why do you think God temporarily withheld the rain from them?
- c. Who do you rely on to provide what only God can provide for you?
- d. How do you make it a habit to go to God first with your needs?

2. Be willing to go there.

- a. God had a provision plan for Elijah, but he asked Elijah to take action. What action is God asking of you, that you might be resisting?
- b. What is your "there?"
- c. Why do you think God calls us to do things we don't understand?

3. Don't expect to find tomorrow's rain in yesterday's rain cloud.

- a. We often get comfortable with the way God has provided in the past. How can we trust him when he changes the way he provides?
- b. Describe a time that you flourished by trusting God in a new way?
- c. What are you comfortable with now, but feel God pushing you to take a different course to see his provision?

Respond: Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?