

## Discussion Questions (Mother's Day 5/9/10):

1. When you think of the word mom what are some things that come to your mind? Why do you think it is important to have a day that we set aside to celebrate moms? *(There can be lots of reasons that make Mother's day difficult for many. Be intentional to pray about this at the end of your Journey Group.)*

2. We began this week talking about how God gives us positions on purpose. This is true in your family, in your marriage, with your children and even at work. This is very evident in scripture. What examples can you think of from scripture where God gave positions / responsibilities on purpose. How have you seen this be true in your life?

3. Read 2 Kings 4:8-26. There is no way to describe what must have been going on in this mom's heart. When you read her answer to the questions that were asked of her in verse 26 do you find her answers strange? Why? How do you think you would have responded differently?

4. Even though she answered the questions the way she did Elisha could still tell that something was very wrong. Read 2 Kings 4:27. We talked about the word shalom this week. It is a "peace" that is evident in our lives that isn't dependent on external circumstances. Do you see that kind of "shalom / peace" in our world? How about in your life?

5. This week we talked about 3 questions that we must ask ourselves...

Am I Ok?

Is My Marriage Ok?

Are My Kids Ok?

Which of these is currently the area of most significant challenge right now? Why do you think it so important to keep these questions in this order...why is it vitally important that we first deal with ourselves before we move on to the other areas?

6. When things get difficult why do you think it is so easy to get the focus off ourselves and our issues/challenges and focus primarily on everyone else's issues/challenges? What are some effective ways to combat this tendency? How does focusing on our own issues/challenges impact these difficult situations? What typically happens if we don't do this?

7. Read the rest of the story in 2 Kings 4:27-37. Any observations or thoughts? How has the faith of this mom's story spoken to you?

8. It will always start with you! What are some things that you can do this week to address some of these challenging areas? Are there other resources that you need to proactively see out to help in any of these areas?

9. Be sure to conclude your group praying for the many people that are challenged by the thoughts of Mother's Day. Also pray for any other special needs/prayer requests.