

# MESSAGE DISCUSSION GUIDE

Assembly Required // Week 2 // Follow the Directions

July 9/10, 2017



## ICEBREAKER

Where is the strangest place you've ever eaten?

## KEY SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 17: 8-16

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was your take away from this week's message? Has there been anything in the story so far, that has struck you as odd? What was it?
2. This week we saw how God was building up Elijah's faith by asking him to be obedient in the small things. How do you think Elijah's obedience to wait on the food brought by ravens increased his faith to then rely on the widow?
3. **Read Luke 16:10** Why does God test your obedience with small things first? How do you see this applied in your everyday life with other people?
4. During this week's message the following was said, "Most of us, if we are honest, are educated well beyond our level of obedience." Talk about this as a group. Do you agree or disagree?
5. What is the difference between people who read the Bible and know what God says, but don't do it, and people who know and do what God says? Why do you think there are these two different types of people?
6. **Read Ephesians 2:10** God's love for Elijah, and for us, is not based on our works or our obedience. Though our lack of obedience might hinder our growth, it does not hinder God's love. What is God's love and grace based on? Why is this so important?

## PRAYER

Share one area that you can use God's strength to be obedient to him this week, and pray together for that. Next, take a moment to thank God for his love and grace that he gives freely, not based on our works or obedience, but because of the obedience of his Son, Jesus, and his work on the cross.

## CHALLENGE

Take a moment each morning this week to pray for God's strength to help you be obedient to him. Through Jesus' work on the cross, we can receive his strength and no longer need to rely on our own. Keep a journal of the little ways you see God's hand and work in your life as you walk in obedience.