

Small Group and Personal Bible Study

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Memory Verse: Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Discovery Bible Study Lesson (Reflect on Romans 15:13 as our memory verse and discovery lesson, let people share what the verse is saying to them as they have meditated upon it)

1. Read and then write down the passage found in Romans 15:13
2. Next, rewrite Romans 15:13 using your own words
3. What do you discover about God from this passage? What do you discover about yourself in this passage?
4. What does God want you to do to obey in response to this passage?

Daily Bible Reading

- Day 1: 2 Kings 4:1-7
- Day 2: Luke 9:10-17
- Day 3: 2 Kings 2
- Day 4: 2 Kings 3
- Day 5: 2 Kings 4

Lesson: Experiencing God's Filling

1. Compare the stories of Elisha and the Oil Jars (2 Kings 4:1-7) with Jesus and the Feeding of the 5,000 (Luke 9:10-17). What similarities of how God works can you find?
In both cases there was a need that human logic couldn't take care of. In both cases intervention from God was the best solution. In both cases people had a real felt need. In both cases they asked God for help. In both cases God not only heard their cry for help but He met and exceeded the need. Both situations were met by divine miracles of God.
2. What practical need did God provide for in these stories? What is the spiritual significance of God's filling?
In 2 Kings 4 God provided oil in the jars to sell and have money to pay back debt with still some left in the end. In Luke 9 Jesus provided enough food for all to eat and be satisfied and still have leftovers. The spiritual significance is that we all have needs that only God can provide for. The most glaring need is for the forgiveness of sins. Only the sacrifice of Jesus Christ can fulfill that need (Acts 4:12, Romans 3:23-24, Romans 6:23).

In these two stories consider these questions:

- Who was in desperate need? **(The woman and her sons in 2 Kings 4 and in Luke 9 it was the disciples and the 5,000 hungry people)**
 - Who had to ask for help? **(The woman and the disciples, in other words – whoever recognizes the problem that they can't solve on their own)**
 - Who provided the solution? **(God working through the prophet Elisha and Jesus His Son is the only provider of Divine solutions)**
 - Who had to get up and obey? **(The woman and her sons had to act in obedience on what Elisha told them to do and the disciples had to act in obedience to what Jesus told them to do)**
 - What was the result? Was the need met or exceeded? **(The woman just needed to save her sons but God provided even more so that they would have leftover money. The 5,000 ate and still had leftovers. All for the glory of God)**
3. How have you experienced God's filling in your own life?
Let people share! Help them understand how God fills us up in spiritual, physical, and emotional ways.
 4. What do you need God to fill you with right now?
Let people share and lead this sharing into prayer time.