

You Can Change the World
Pastor Kirk, November 25, 2018

Scripture: 1 Kings 17

Summary: God wants to change the world and he always does it through one person who he directs, provides for and reveals himself through. God always provides for his people, he provides all they need and enough to share.

Main Thought: God wants to change the world through you.

Getting to Know Each Other (Start Here):

- Pastor Kirk began by sharing the story of watching a movie and having it stir within him a holy discontent, a desire to do something about poverty. Have you ever been affected by something in this way? What happened?
- Have you ever wanted to change something in the world? What was it? Did you do anything about it? If not, what stopped you?

Going Deeper:

1. When God wanted to change the nation of Israel, he chose one person, Elijah, to be a catalyst for change. From your experience can one person really make a difference? From what you know about Elijah, did he make a any difference?
2. In 1 Kings 17:2-7 God provides for Elijah. Why does God take Elijah into the wilderness and provide for him using ravens?
3. Pastor Kirk said that God always provides for his people. Has this been true in your life? Share your story.
4. In 1 Kings 17:8-16, God provides for the widow and her son through Elijah which Pastor Kirk said demonstrates the truth what Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 9:8-9. What is the truth and do you agree that this is a truth (something God always does)? Why or why not?
5. The statement was made that “the cure to poverty is the church.” Do you agree or disagree? Why or why not? Are there other passages in the Bible that would prove or disprove this statement?
6. As part of the church (one of God’s people), how are you personally addressing the problem of poverty? Share what you are doing. If you don’t feel you are doing anything, discuss with your group why you feel this way and what you could begin doing.

Apply it:

- What is the Holy Spirit saying to you? What do you need to do as a result of what he is saying to you?

Pray without ceasing:

- Pray for the 23 Compassion Children who were sponsored this past Sunday by Living Hope people. That they would grow in wisdom and stature and in favour among God and the people around them. (Luke 2:52). If you sponsor a child, pray specifically for that child.
- Pray for Ed Beggs who is battling pancreatic cancer and is undergoing Chemo treatments.
- Pray for some of our Living Hope teens who are wrestling with anxiety and depression. That they would have peace and begin to see themselves as God sees them.