



MEET THE NEED

Family Devotional/Adult & Teen Discussion Guide

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1. PRIMARY STATEMENT: The calling to be a “minister” is not just about general principles, it’s about the day to day, practical life things you can do to represent God’s character to the world around you. One great way to do that is by meeting the needs of people around you.

2. BIBLE VERSE:

Philippians 2:4 [NLT]

“Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too..”

Before you can meet a need, you have to see a need. When we begin to really look for various needs in the people we interact with, we can start to be there for them in tangible ways that leave a big impact.

Q . Money is an easy-to-see need, but it’s far from the only one, and often isn’t even the greatest one. List a few other types of needs that people experience in life.



Q . What do you have an availability of that could meet someone else’s need? Time, money, energy, companionship, advice, encouragement?

3. DISCUSSION:

Philippians 2:5-7 [NLT]

“Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant...”

The cost to serve is high - emptying yourself - but that cost earns you a great benefit. Once you become a need-meeting person, you earn the right to speak into the lives of the people around you.

Q . Give an example of a need-meeting person in your life. Name a few specific ways they’ve met needs for you, or for others.

Q . What does that need-meeting value say about the rest of this person’s character? Does their selflessness inspire you to want to be like them in that way?

Q . Now, think of someone who’s generally a taker. Do you have more or less respect for this person? Which person would you rather be around? Which would you rather take advice from?



4. PRAYER FOCUS

Take a few minutes as a family: thank God for the people in your life who have served you by meeting your needs. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to become more aware of the wide variety of needs in the people around you.



POISON IN THE POT

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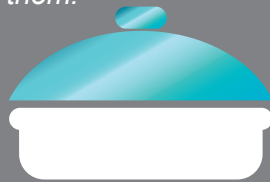
1. POWER VERSE: Psalm 97:10 *"...[God] protects the lives of his godly people and rescues them from the power of the wicked."*

What's Up: "God Can Protect Me & Provide For My Needs!"

This week, we continue our series called, "Elisha: God's Powerful Prophet." In this lesson, we learn from the story of Elisha and the poison in the stew. We learn that God will protect and provide for His children!

2. READ:

2 Kings 4:38-41 *Elisha returned to Gilgal. There wasn't enough food to eat in that area. The group of the prophets was meeting with Elisha. So he said to his servant, "Put the large pot over the fire. Cook some stew for these prophets." One of them went out into the fields to gather herbs. He found a wild vine and picked some of its gourds. He picked as many as he could fit in his coat. Then he cut them up and put them into the pot of stew. But no one knew what they were. The stew was poured out for the men. They began to eat it. But then they cried out, "Man of God, the food in that pot will kill us!" They couldn't eat it. Elisha said, "Get some flour." He put it in the pot. He said, "Serve it to the men to eat." Then there wasn't anything in the pot that could harm them.*



Q. What was happening at Gilgal, the place that Elisha went?

Q. What did Elisha tell his servant to do?

Q. What did the prophets find in the soup?

Q. How did Elisha respond? Was he worried?

What did he do to the stew to get rid of the poison?

Q. How did the 100 people get fed?

3. DISCUSSION:

We serve an amazing God. He is able to do so much more than we can imagine. Often, God knows exactly what we need when we don't even realize what we need ourselves.

Q. Can you think of a time that God has protected you or provided for your needs?

Q. Is there anything you feel you need protected from now?

Q. Do you have any needs in your life?

Q. What should you do about your needs?



4. PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for your children for God's protection from bullies and things they could face at school. Pray for God to provide for their needs in their lives. Spend some time giving glory to God. End in a time of worship, giving God glory for being our provider and protector.