

## **SHARING**

Hymns (What we're praising God for):

Lessons (What God is teaching us):

Requests (What we're asking God to do):

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## **REFLECTION QUESTIONS**

Read the passage (I Kings 16:29-33; 17:1-6) and answer the following questions:

1. What stands out most and why?
  2. What does the passage reveal to us about God?
  3. What does the passage reveal to us about ourselves?
  4. What are the immediate application points?
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## **DEEPER DISCUSSION**

1. King Ahab was described as exceeding the wickedness of the other kings of Israel. How does I Kings describe his wickedness (16:31-33)?
2. When the opposition arises, fear drives us to retreat. We don't have a "bunker faith." Why do we resist the urge to fall back? How do we find courage to go to the places where opposition is strong?
3. Sometimes, as Mike reminded us, "the brook dries up," and God changes our circumstances. When in your life has God re-directed you and changed the way He was providing? How did you respond?
4. God provided for Elijah through the widow, even in her poverty. Why does God choose to provide with daily bread? What does that measure of provision produce in us?
5. Mike mentioned that "obedience doesn't spare us from crisis." Why do we so often assume that our faithfulness will clean up our messes? What does that reveal about our hearts? To which Biblical examples can we look for encouragement and hope in those crises?
6. What are ways that God is prompting you to be engaged in our local communities? How can you take a step of faith in those areas?