

BEYOND

WEEK FOUR

This Facilitator Guide will help you lead the conversation. [Brackets] indicate simple cues for you, as a facilitator, and are not intended to be read aloud.

CONVERSATION STARTER

Visit thecrossing.net/story/why-not-me and read the story, "Why Not Me?" What kind of light does this story shed on our giving?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read 1 Kings 17:1-16. Put yourself in the woman's place. Knowing what you know about yourself, how would you have responded to Elisha's request? What does this story reveal about God? What does this story reveal about us? What does this story reveal about God's provision?

Read 1 Kings 17:17-23. What does this part of the story reveal about God? What does this part of the story reveal about us? What does this story reveal about God's provision?

In this story, we can see that saying yes to God doesn't guarantee a pass on hardship. Share about a time in your life when saying yes to God brought hardship. What did you learn from the experience?

Every yes to God matters. Is there an area in your life that you are struggling to say yes? Be bold, and share it with the group. Let them help you sort it out and "...spur you on to love and good deeds." (Hebrews 10:24)

PRAY

Going beyond the moment is realizing that our response to God results in both lower story and upper story results. When God asks something of us, there is always potential for an eternal result. In the prayer time with your group, ask God to call you to eternal things. Ask Him to empower you to live in His yes.