

Sermon Discussion Guide Eleah Tercero May 16th, 2021

Leader Preparation

- 1. Take some time to look over these questions ahead of time. Choose the ones that you want to make sure you cover with your group. We have highlighted what we think are **key questions by bolding them.**
- 2. Pray for your group and your time together as you prepare. This is so helpful!
- 3. When meeting online you as the leader will need to be more directive than in person. Don't be afraid to invite everyone to answer a question, invite them to share by name, and thank them when they finish. The online format requires a little more intentional orchestrating than an in-person group.
- 4. Try to start the gathering by getting everyone talking at least once to begin. The Hook section is great for this. When in doubt, have people share stories about their past. (How the week was, favorite memories about the topic for the day, etc). This is a great way to help your group continue to get to know one another.
- 5. Next, look at the Scripture and what it means. We believe Jesus is discipling people through this Word. Get people into the Scriptures and the Scriptures into people!
- 6. Finally, end with what God is saying to people and how God is inviting them to respond. These aren't just ideas to know but realities to live in!



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Getting to know one another

- How is everyone doing this week? This could also be an icebreaker question related to the topic for discussion.
- 1. Find Jogja, Indonesian on a map. What's the closest someone in your group has been to Jogja?
- 2. When you think of mission, what is something that comes to mind?

Scripture

- Matthew 19:26; 1 Cor 3:7
- 3. Can you imagine a whole Muslim nation turning to Jesus? If it's difficult to picture Indonesia, picture Iran or Afghanistan. What could that look like? Spend time imagining how the Muslim world could forever be impacted by a whole nation coming to Jesus.
- 4. If you had one cup of coffee with a person from a Muslim past what would you say? Practice starting a conversation about Jesus.
- 5. Have you considered who you could invite to coffee. If you spent a day thinking like Eleah, what would you risk? Who would you make time for?
- 6. How could a "coffee ministry" moment happen even in Bellingham during Covid?
- 7. Eleah shared how she was able to see Gods intentional plan for her to come to Jokja and use her in the music ministry arena. If you saw



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yourself as a missionary, in what ways can you put your finger on God's intentional plan to place you in the where he has you.

- 8. Did hearing about Eleah's story inspire you to support missions for the first time, in prayer or finance? If you already are a part of supporting missions, is there one new step you could take? Is there a country God has placed on your heart? Ideas. Use Google Earth to tour the contra. Listen to the music. Figure out how to follow their local news. Find a missionary from the area, Kathy Hill can help you with this. Find out specific prayer requests from that missionary. Learn to cook their food. Let this heart for the area grow. And pray!
- 9. We may not all be able to be full-time missionaries. But reflect on that pivotal scene when the man gave the Bible to Nita, the security guard... Is there a Post-it note, a reminder on your phone, a morning prayer that you could add to your daily routine asking God to open your eyes to the prompting of the Holy Spirit and ways he might desire to use you to plant, tender, water, or harvest a seed?

Prayer:

- 10. What feels impossible in your life? Your health? Work place? Neighborhood? School? Extended family?
- 11. Spend time in prayer for the mission the Eleah shared. Indonesia for Jesus! Pray to the God who brings light to impossible situations! Pray BIG.

Book:

Operation World