

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of November 1 - November 7, 2020

Desiring the Kingdom

2 Kings 6:24 - 7:20 Lepers With a Message

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

What is your favorite winter sport or activity?

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

MAIN POINTS

Like lepers in a famine who have discovered a feast, the gospel is good news that can't be kept to ourselves

DIGGING DEEPER

1. **Read 2 Kings 6:24-31.** In this passage a great famine had fallen on Samaria resulting from a siege by the Syrian army. Describe how desperate the people had become. Do you feel that the steps taken by the Samaritan woman were understandable in this situation? Why or why not?
 - a. Has a desperate situation ever forced you to do something you might not have otherwise done? Explain.
 - b. In 2 Kings 6:31, who did the king blame for the famine? Why do you think he chose to place blame on this person? Do people often blame others for bad situations? Is this reasonable?
2. **Read 2 Kings 6:32-33.** In 2 Kings 6:33, where does the king ultimately place the blame? What conclusion did he come to? Is it uncommon for someone to tire of waiting for God to deliver in a needy situation and seek other solutions? Is this a productive response? Can you think of a situation where someone proceeded in impatience when waiting on the Lord? If so, what was the result?

- a. **Read 2 Kings 7:1-2.** What did Elisha promise, and how was the promise received by the captain? Do you feel that his response is typical of how people respond to the promises of God? What did Elisha tell him the result of his disbelief would be?
 - b. Is his consequence a reminder to us of the consequences of disbelief? If so, explain.
- 3. **Read 2 Kings 7:3-11.** What did desperation drive the lepers to do? What was the result? Discuss their initial reaction.
 - a. Now **Read 2 Kings 7:10.** What did they ultimately decide to do with the treasures they found? Did they do this from conviction or fear?
 - b. How should we respond when God blesses us beyond our expectations? What is the best way to honor God in a situation such as this?
- 4. **Read 2 Kings 7:12-20.** What was the king's initial response? Compare this response to many people's response to the "good news" of the Gospel.
 - a. What was the result of the captain's disbelief of the good news? Compare this to the result of disbelieving the Gospel.
 - b. Using the story in 2 Kings 6:24-7:20, how would you explain how it relates to the Gospel narrative?

TAKING IT HOME

Looking back at this week's study, what is important for you to remember and why?

PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS

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