

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of October 11 - October 17, 2020

Desiring the Kingdom 2 Kings 5:15-27 - Vital Signs

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

What is your favorite book of the Bible? Why?

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

Vital signs can reveal what's going on beneath the surface, so you can act before the story is over

DIGGING DEEPER

1. **Read 2 Kings 5:15-16.** As a result of his healing Naaman makes a confession of faith in verse 15. **Read John 9:32-38.** In this story another man also made a confession of faith. Compare the two stories and discuss what prompted their confessions. Have you made a confession of faith? If so, what prompted it?
 - a. After his confession of faith, Naaman proceeds to make an offer. Is this offer appropriate? Why or why not?
 - b. In 2 Kings 5:16, what is Elisha's response. What is your understanding of this response? Why did Elisha deem his offer to be unacceptable? If he had accepted, what could have been the consequence?
2. **Read 2 Kings 5:17-19.** What does Naaman request in verse 18? Do you believe this reflects a change in his faith? If so, in what way?
 - a. Discuss the changes you see in terms of the "vital signs" Naaman displayed before and after his healing.

- b. If asked to describe the signs of faith displayed by true believers, how would you answer? **Read Galatians 5:22-23**. Are the virtues described by Paul in these verses consistent with your answer?
 - c. What “vital signs” do you find are the most difficult to maintain? Why?
3. **Read 2 Kings 5:20-27**. What does this passage of scripture reveal about Gehazi’s “vital signs”? What do you think could be the effect of Gehazi’s acts? What punishment did Gehazi receive as a result of his actions? Is the punishment fair? Why or why not?
- a. If you were to describe the difference between what Naaman’s sickness was, and what Gehazi’s sickness was, how would you describe it? Which one is more deadly? Explain.
 - b. Could Gehazi have been delivered from his punishment? If so, how? Compare this to how we are delivered from eternal punishment. **Read Romans 6:23**. How does this verse compare with your answer?

TAKING IT HOME

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

PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS

