

# Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of October 18 - October 24, 2020

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## Desiring the Kingdom

### 2 Kings 6:1-23 - Clarity in the Midst of a Crisis

#### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Have you ever visited a place whose beauty inspired a vision of Heaven? Where? Describe it.

#### 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

In the midst of a crisis, we need faith to trust in God's presence, purpose, and power.

#### DIGGING DEEPER

1. **Read 2 Kings 6:1-5.** In these verses, what crisis occurs? Do you consider this a significant crisis, or merely an inconvenience? What determines the severity of a crisis? How do you believe God views this crisis?
  - a. **Read 2 Kings 6-7.** Do you consider what happens in these verses to be a miracle? Why or why not? If Elisha had not intervened on this man's behalf, what could have been the result? How is God glorified by these events?
  - b. Have you ever experienced a "crisis of the mundane" i.e. a crisis that might appear insignificant to some but is of high significance to you to the point of being life altering? If so, did you seek God to resolve it? What was the result?
2. **Read 2 Kings 6:8-19.** There are several events which occur in these verses. Discuss each one in terms of seeing God's hand in the event:

- a. In **2 Kings 6:8-13** the King of Syria is troubled by what he perceives is a “mole” in his kingdom. Who is actually revealing his plans? How is God involved in this? Does God reveal the enemy’s plans to us today? If so, in what way?
  - b. In **2 Kings 14-17** Elisha prays for the young man to be able to see what was around them. Do you see God’s hand in this? Does God provide protection to His followers today? If so, in what way?
  - c. In **2 Kings 6:18-23** we see the conclusion to this story. How is God revealed in this story? Is God’s mercy apparent in the world today? If so, in what way?
3. It is only through faith that we can truly trust God in a time of crisis. If asked, how would you describe the foundation of your faith?
    - a. What helps you to believe that God will respond in a time of crisis?
    - b. How have we achieved our faith?
    - c. **Read 1 Corinthians 12:7-9.** How do you interpret this passage in terms of our faith?
  4. **Read James 1:2-4.** Is it natural for us to rejoice in trials? What does this passage say we can gain from trials? Have trials helped you grow in faith and patience? Describe your experience.

## 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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