Introduction: Look to examples of mentors in the culture.

Share some information about a person in your life whom you consider to be a mentor. Explain to the group how that relationship came about and what you have learned from him or her. Invite a few volunteers to share a little about their mentors as well.

To break the ice, you may want to share some information about mentors of famous people from this article, “Inspiring the Inspired—7 Mentors of Great Historical Figures”: [https://www.universities.com/articles/inspiring-the-inspired-7-mentors-of-great-historical-figures/](https://www.universities.com/articles/inspiring-the-inspired-7-mentors-of-great-historical-figures/)

Or your group might prefer to hear the information from this list about famous mentor pairings in movies: [https://www.evidencebasedmentoring.org/top-25-mentoring-relationships-represented-in-film/](https://www.evidencebasedmentoring.org/top-25-mentoring-relationships-represented-in-film/)

Introduce the session by saying, “The Bible has its own mentoring pairs. Today we’ll look at the old prophet, Elijah, and his protégé Elisha.”

Point 1: Discuss what it means to go “all in.”

After reading the Scripture and discussing the material for Point 1, say something like the following:

“We can see in this passage that Elisha was willing to go ‘all in’ to follow in Elijah’s footsteps as a prophet; he threw a big going-away party for himself, and the food was the oxen that stood to support him. He basically said goodbye to everyone and everything of his present way of life.”

Ask group members if any of them have found themselves in a similar “all in” situation. Read from following story about a family who took a twenty-first century approach to go “all in”: [http://www.northescambia.com/2009/06/giving-it-all-up-molino-family-selling-everything-they-own-becoming-missionaries](http://www.northescambia.com/2009/06/giving-it-all-up-molino-family-selling-everything-they-own-becoming-missionaries)
Raise the following questions for discussion:

- Does God call everyone to sell all his or her belongings and leave their current homes?
- How can we support those who are called to do this very thing?

**Point 2: Affirm our desperate need for God’s power.**

As you discuss the passage for Point 2, engage group members concerning the detail about Elisha asking for a double share of Elijah’s spirit. Use the following questions to generate interest: “Do you think Elisha was overstepping his bounds in asking for a double portion? Was this a selfish request?”

Share a time in your life when you went into a situation knowing you’d need “extra” power and strength from the Lord and invite other group members to share from their experience as well. Encourage group members to ask God boldly for the Spirit of Christ and for His power and His strength to fulfill their part in God’s mission for His people.

**Conclusion: Emphasize the narrow road of loneliness.**

Say something like the following: “Elisha was not the only man recorded in the Bible to have walked the lonely road of following God. In fact, part of our struggle with Christianity is the feeling that sometimes we are alone in our walk.”

Show the following video, “Losing Everything For Christ?” (2 minutes, 59 seconds), of Francis Chan talking about this very struggle: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F76LbI1UmhI

Then ask the following questions:

- How can we be more open about our struggle?
- How might we help one another as we choose to live out our faith?
Teaching Tip of the Week

Don’t let group members view Elisha’s story as one that is isolated. It speaks to our need to be disciple and equipped for God’s mission. Keep them focused on the fact that we are all called to take up our cross and follow Jesus (Luke 9:23).