

life group study guide

Big Idea: Faith

Believe It To See It

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2 Kings 6:8-23

Introduction question: Faith is one of those topics we speak about casually. Everyone has heard the saying: “You’ve gotta have faith.” We use it so often; the term seems to have lost some of its meaning. How would you define “faith?” And, how would someone know if they had it?

Read: 2 Kings 6:8-23

Group Discussion questions:

- 1) This passage opens, “Once when the King of Aram was warring with Israel...”
What are some of the ways our faith is warred against on a regular basis?
- 2) So often we tend to think God is absent when problems arise. How do verses 9-10 demonstrate ways God is at work in our lives?
- 3) Verses 12-14 reveal how following God’s directions will put us in conflict with the world. How is the Christian to respond? (Also see John 15:18)
- 4) Read verses 15 and 16 again. Why do you suppose Elisha’s answer is so different than his servants? If/when you are in a similar position, who do you resemble more, Elisha or his servant? Why?
- 5) What is Elisha’s response to the dilemma (v.17)? Do you typically respond in the same way?

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- 6) God's presence seems to give Elisha incredible confidence as he leads the blind army some 10-12 miles to Samaria. Describe a time when God seemed to give you confidence to face a particular trial.

- 7) The king of Israel believes his enemies have been handed to him on a silver platter. How does Elisha respond? What lesson does this provide for us as we face the difficulties of life?

When 1-2 Kings was written, the days of Elisha were long gone. Babylon had destroyed their cities and taken people captive. The people now they lived in exile.

- 8) While the exiles were living in Babylon, there were no visions of angelic armies. How would faith be crucial to their survival? How is this similar today?

- 9) Look at verses 17, 18, and 20. What is the common denominator? What role do you think this played in Elisha's faith?

- 10) What "disciplines" can we put in our lives that will help us to be people who know God turn to him in prayer as a first response?