



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

EAST ABBOTSFORD CAMPUS

FEBRUARY 9, 2020

INFO AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Men's Retreat April 3-5 at Rockridge Canyon. For ages 18+, but fathers can attend with their sons ages 13-17. Registration and all the details at northview.org/men. **Early bird registration ends Feb 10. For those needing financial assistance, please contact the Northview at men@northview.org.**
- Parents, save the date! There is a Northview-wide Parenting Conference happening April 24-25 at the Downes Road Campus. More information to come!
- Sign up for Northview's Newsletter at northview.org to never miss another event.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray for all of our Serve Team members that they would have health, grow in their love for Jesus, and find joy in the roles they are filling.
- Please pray for our East Abbotsford Community groups - that the leaders would be equipped to lead and that people all over east Abbotsford would be in Christ-centred community.

LEADER NOTES

Suggested Timing for a 2 hour meeting:

Connection: 30 Minutes (visiting / snacks / announcements / ice breakers)

Content: 30 Minutes (Observation and Interpretation questions):

Commission: 10-15 minutes (Application questions)

Care: 15-30 minutes (Sharing and Prayer)

Connection: 15-30 minutes (visiting / snacks)

LEADING SERMON-BASED DISCUSSIONS:

- Read the scripture passage(s) together as a group.
- Direct people back to the text if they are going on rabbit trails or talking about opinions and speculation, by asking, "Where do you see that in the text? What answer does the text provide for that question?"
- As you transition to prayer time, pray through the issues and ideas that the text brought up.

RESOURCES FOR 1 & 2 KINGS

Commentaries:

Paul House, *1 & 2 Kings - New American Commentary*

Iain Provan, *1 & 2 Kings - Understanding the Bible*

Donald Wiseman, *1 & 2 Kings: An Introduction and Commentary*
Tyndale Old Testament Commentary

August H. Konkel, *1 & 2 Kings*
(The NIV Application Commentary)

Gavin Ortlund, *1 & 2 Kings: A 12-week Study*
(Knowing the Bible)

The Gospel Coalition Course:
God's Big Picture. Unit 5: The Partial Kingdom: Place and King
www.thegospelcoalition.org/course/gods-big-picture-tracing-storyline-bible

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Observation

This section is aimed at helping people observe the details of the text: what is written, what words or ideas are repeated and emphasized, the text's structure and how this text fits into the wider context of the book of Romans.

1. Broader context: The previous story of 1 Kings 18:1 - 19:8 is the story of the Prophet Elijah going up against the prophets of Baal and defeating them.

Hint: If people are unfamiliar with this story read or recap the story.

2. Read 1 Kings 19:9-18.
What is Elijah's primary concern?
He is the only prophet left (v14).

3. a) How does God answer that concern?
God will give a prophet to take his place.

b) Who are the 3 people He tells Elijah to anoint and what are their roles?

*Hazael king over Aram.
Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel.
Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as a prophet*

4. Read 1 Kings 19:19-21.
What does the text teach us about Elisha's situation when he is called? (What is Elisha doing when Elijah calls him? What are his priorities?)
Elisha is just working on the family farm, going about his business, he's not actively looking for anything, or sitting there waiting for God to direct him.

Interpretation

This section is aimed at linking the current text to other texts or to the bigger biblical narrative. If you are running out of time, feel free to skip this section.

1. Read 1 Corinthians 1:1-9.
Who is called, and what are they called to?
 - *Paul called to be an apostle (v1).*
 - *The church in Corinth called to be God's holy people (v2) and to fellowship with the Son (v9).*

2. Read Romans 1:1-7.
a) Who is called, and what are they called to?

Paul: called to be an apostle set apart for the gospel (v1), to call the gentiles (v5)

Church in Rome: called to belong to Jesus Christ (v6), called to be his holy people (v7)

b) This and the passage above talk about a specific call and a general call, what are the characteristics of each?

Specifically: A call to a specific position of ministry in the church.

Generally: People are called to Salvation ie. to be God's holy people and to belong to Christ.

Application

This section is aimed at helping people apply what we have read in the text to our lives. It is intended to foster more open-ended discussion as people connect the text to their everyday life, and reflect on how it changes the way they think and act.

1. The previous questions identify the fact that some have a specific call to be a leader in the church, and others have a general call to salvation--to live as redeemed people of God. Share your experience of being called to Salvation. Have you felt any specific calling to ministry or a place of service within God's family?

Various Answers

2. Ephesians 4:1 calls us to "walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you've been called". What does it look like to walk in a manner worthy of your calling in your current life situation? (ie. job, family, leisure, stage of life)

Various Answers

3. When Elisha got this call he sacrificed his oxen, which were his livelihood, in order to follow the specific call that God gave him. How does this convict or challenge you? If God called you to be part of a new initiative that arises out of our multiplication vision how easy would it be to follow? What might it cost? How willing would you be to do whatever it took to follow?

Various Answers