



CG DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MISSION CAMPUS

FEBRUARY 7 - 14, 2020

INFO AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SERVE OPPORTUNITY** Children's Ministry has serve opportunities and could use YOU! We invite you to come and help us teach the sweet little one's of Northview the Gospel. This is an opportunity to serve your church and have some fun doing it. We have both Teacher and Helper positions in both Preschool and Grade school available. Please email claforest@northview.org
- **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
- **NEWSLETTER** Sign up for Northview Mission's newsletter at northview.org to keep up to date on what is going on!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Content:** Pray that God would encourage His Church through our study on the call of Elisha.
- **Connect:** Pray for growth in the depth of your relationships in the group.
- **Care:** Pray for the many health needs that exist within our congregation.
- **Commission:** Pray that God through His Spirit would make us aware of those we are to engage with conversations about Jesus.

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)*

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.
2. Read 1 Kings 19:9-18.
What is Elijah's primary concern?
3. a) How does God answer that concern?

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

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

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

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?
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)
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?