



SERMON TEXT DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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MARCH 29, 2020

INFO AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Services & Programs Cancelled Until Easter Weekend**
Visit northview.org to listen to Pastor Jeff's announcement regarding COVID-19. Northview will reevaluate the situation for Easter Services.
- **Watch the complete worship service online!** Our music, prayer, and sermon will be available at northview.org
- **Upcoming Events...**
 - **Women's Conference May 1-2** || Details and registration at northview.org/women
 - **Baptism Class May 6** || Fill out the online questionnaire at northview.org/baptism || 7-9pm in West Court || ASL interpretation available
 - **Membership Class May 13, 20, 27** || Fill out the online questionnaire at northview.org/membership || 7-9pm in West Court
 - **Secret Church 20: God, Government, and the Gospel May 8 or May 23** || Details and Registration at northview.org/secret-church
- Sign up for **Northview's Newsletter** at northview.org to never miss another event.

KEEP MEETING TOGETHER - BUT ONLINE!

In the days ahead, we want to encourage you to 'not neglect meeting together' (Hebrews 10:25) even if we cannot physically gather. Our Community Department has shared some great resources which give instructions on how to connect people online. You can access this information at the link below:

[How to Host a Community Group Online](#)

It provides step-by-step directions for setting up groups via Google Hangouts and Facebook Messenger, as well as guidelines for Online Etiquette.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Content:** Pray that the online content that Northview creates would continue to bless, encourage, and grow the people of God.
- **Connect:** Pray for the lonely people in our community that they might find comfort and that the church would use this opportunity to be good neighbours.
- **Care:** Pray for the spiritual and physical healing of all those affected by COVID-19.
- **Commission:** Pray that we as Christians would be creative in the way we proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ during these times.
- **Prayer Guides:** [20 Prayers to Pray During this Pandemic](#) [A 7-Day Coronavirus Prayer Guide](#)

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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.

1. Read 2 Kings 6:8-23.
2. What is Elisha doing for the King of Israel & how does the King of Aram respond?
3. What does the King of Aram do when he finds out who is warning the King of Israel?
4. When Elisha's servant sees the Aramean army surrounding the city, what is Elisha's response?
5. When the servant's eyes are open, what does he see?
6. What does Elisha ask the Lord to do and where does Elisha lead them when it happens?
7. How do Elisha and the King treat the army once their eyes are opened? How does this change the way the Arameans live amongst the Israelites?

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 Psalm 55:16-23 and 1 Peter 5:7.
Knowledge of God's presence helps relieve our fear and anxiety. How does knowledge of God's presence and character give hope?
2. Read Genesis 15:1, 2 Chronicles 32:1-8, and Joshua 1:9.
Elisha's response to the incoming army is, "Don't be afraid." Look up some other passages about not being afraid. What helps the people of God to have hope?

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. It can be hard to have hope when we live in such an anxious time, but the Lord is still with His people. What anxieties are burdening you right now?

What are you looking to for relief from anxiety?

2. How can we encourage each other to put our trust in God in this time?
3. How can we encourage those who do not believe to find hope in God during this time?
4. Cast all your concerns upon the Lord together in prayer.