

Growth Group Questions

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As our Elijah series ends, take time to share something that stood out to you over the past seven weeks. It's easy to rush through God's Word, but it never really helps or changes us unless we slow down and reflect.

- Maybe something you're learning about God, or your sin, or faith, or the church...
- Maybe something you're learning about the Bible, the Old Testament, and how it points to Jesus...

Read 2 Kings 2:1-18

Elijah, God's great prophet, is leaving. There is a mood of uncertainty and sadness in this chapter. The question is, *what now?* Where now is the Lord, the God of Elijah? (v14)

1. In this story, God makes it clear that Elisha will be Elijah's successor. What does this tell us about God and his grand plan? How does it point us to the coming of Jesus?

Optional question: What is the significance of the Jordan river?

2. Why does this chapter draw our attention to the Holy Spirit (v9, v15)? Think about how this points to Jesus (Matthew 3:16-17), to Pentecost (Acts 1:4-8), and to us today. What is the application for us?

Read 2 Kings 2:19-25

These two stories are quite strange, but they're an important part of this text. God's people must choose how they respond to his chosen prophet and his covenant promises.

3. How does the healing of Jericho's water supply remind us of the gospel?
4. What are we meant to learn from the incident with the bears? (You might want to look at Leviticus 26:22)

Take time to pray. Pray for each other's spiritual growth, not just general needs. Praise God for the gift of his Son and his Spirit. Pray that we would grow in the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).