

CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION WITH YOUR SMALL GROUP, FAMILY, OR IN YOUR PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY TIME

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Memory Verse: 2 Kings 6:16-17 "Don't be afraid!" Elisha told him. "For there are more on our side than on theirs!" 17 Then Elisha prayed, "O Lord, open his eyes and let him see!" The Lord opened the young man's eyes, and when he looked up, he saw that the hillside around Elisha was filled with horses and chariots of fire."

This morning Pastor Steve spoke about a time where Elisha asked God to open the eyes of someone around him. Read 2 Kings 6:1-23 to go deeper into this story.

- What stood out to you in this story?
- Who do you connect with in the story? (Elisha or the Servant)

Sometimes, it can be hard for us to clearly see a situation while we are in it. We all need to have somebody we can trust to help us see the presence and activity of God working around us.

- Do you typically feel like Elisha able to see what God is doing around him--and in his time of need?
- Who is the Elisha in your life? Do you have a mentor or friend who can see the activity of God in your life even when you cannot see it?

At times, it seems like the enemy is surrounding us and that the odds are stacked against us. This world brings many kinds of trouble from health scares and financial problems to loss of jobs and relationship struggles--sometimes it feels like more than we can take. It is often difficult for us to see what God is really doing because we are so consumed by the circumstances of the moment.

- What are the circumstances in your life that make it hard to see how God is moving? What hardships are you facing that are (or could be) keeping you from fully trusting God?
- Who do you know that is like the servant--unable to see what God is doing in his life and around him? (You, a friend, family member, co-worker) Pray for these individuals.

When we can't see God moving, we should pray for Him to open our eyes so we can see what He's doing. When the people we love can't see God moving, we should pray for God to open their eyes so they can see the big picture and what God is doing.

What are some ways you can stay focused on God and have your eyes open to Him and what He
is doing around you? (Church, Grow Groups, Connect Groups, Bible Studies, Accountability
Partners, Prayer, Worship, personal Alone Time with God)

God may not always show or tell us His plans, but asking Him can remind us that He is at work and we can trust Him. Ask God today (and everyday) to open your spiritual eyes that you might see Him in all your circumstances and of those around you.