

OUTLINE & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

PICK UP THE CLOAK

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2 KINGS 2:1-18

1. What's up with these companies of _____?
 - A. Prophecy is God's _____ to help us see our situation rightly.
 - B. Prophecy is speaking God's truth into _____ circumstances.
 - C. To share _____ word, we must be in _____ Word.
2. What's up with all of these _____?
 - A. Miracles are God's _____ to accomplish his purposes.
 - B. Miracles most often happen on _____.
 - C. There's no degree of difficulty with God. He just _____.
3. What's up with Elisha _____ for Elijah?
 - A. Leadership is God's _____ to benefit others.
 - B. Leaders learn on the job. Do it _____.
 - C. Whatever we're doing now, we won't be doing it _____.
4. Prophecy, miracles, and leadership are all God's _____.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

ICEBREAKER: Think of a time you had to do something you felt completely unprepared for. What happened?

1. Read 2 Kings 2:1-18. Name one thing that strikes you most from this text.
 2. When it comes to living the Christian life, force rank these from most important to least important: prophecy, miracles, leadership. Explain your answer. [Note—this question is a little unfair, but meant to get conversation going.]
 3. The sermon said prophecy is less about predicting the future and more about helping people rightly understand their present circumstances. Have you ever had a moment where someone helped you see your current situation more clearly through Scripture? What happened?
 4. The sermon made the point that miracles most often happen on mission. Why do you think this matters? How might this change how we think about miracles in general?
 5. "There's no degree of difficulty with God. He just can." Is there something in your life right now that feels too big, too far gone, or too complicated for God? What would it look like to bring that back to him this week?
 6. The sermon described leadership as learning on the job, sometimes doing it scared, using the picture of bringing a newborn home from the hospital and Elisha's uncertain moment at the Jordan. Where is God currently inviting you into a level of responsibility that feels bigger than you feel ready for?
 7. "Whatever you're doing now, you won't be doing it forever." Where do you currently hold leadership or responsibility (at work, at church, at home, with your kids)? How does it change things to think of that role as temporary stewardship rather than permanent ownership?
 8. The sermon connected the Greek words for grace (charis) and spiritual gifts (charisma), showing they share the same root. Does it change how you think about your own gifts to know that they're fundamentally an expression of grace rather than something you earned or achieved?
 9. APPLICATION: [Note: Pay attention to how the person on your right answers.] The sermon began by admitting that it was like a New Jersey diner menu—lots to choose from. What was your one big application takeaway?
- PRAYER PROMPT: Go around the group and pray for the person on your right regarding their answer to question 9.