

OUTLINE & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

GOD OF THE EVERYDAY

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2 KINGS 6:1-7

Introduction:

1. An Ordinary _____

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

ICEBREAKER: If you could travel back in time to observe one of the Bible's miracles taking place, which would you choose--and why? Why do you think God doesn't do miracles as often as we'd like him to?

1. Read 2 Kings 6:1-7. What's the point of including a "trivial" story like this in the Bible? Describe an ordinary situation in which God has shown up in your life?
2. Fundraisers for worthy causes (including churches) often cast their vision in grandiose (or desperate) terms. What are the dangers of this approach?
3. Read Colossians 3:23. Practically speaking, how could we increase our awareness of God's presence and intervention in the everyday activities ("whatever you do") of our lives? What difference might this make?
4. If you are currently serving at CCC or with one of our Community Impact partners on a regular basis, what do you enjoy most about what you do? If you are not yet serving in this way, what next steps might you take to become involved in an "ordinary" ministry?
5. Reread 2 Kings 6:5. Why was the loss of the axhead such a big deal to the prophet-in-training? Explain the Old Testament Law of Restitution (see Exodus 22:14 for an example). Give some illustrations of how this law might apply today.
6. Have you borrowed something that you've never returned? Describe. What are some reasons (as many as you can think of) that it would be important to do so?
7. Read Psalm 15:1, 4b. What excuse do we use to justify not following through with something we said we'd do? Why is keeping our everyday word a big deal to God? Put Jesus' warning in Luke 16:10 into your own words.
8. Suppose you lost a borrowed axhead in a river today. What are some ways in which God might choose to answer your prayer about this matter, other than making the axhead float to the surface? What's the point of the last question?
9. Read Philippians 4:6. What makes a situation prayer-worthy according to this verse? Why does Paul instruct us to pray about our anxieties "with thanksgiving" (i.e., what's the danger of leaving thanksgiving out of these prayers)? What is a current situation in your life that could use more prayer than what you've given it?
10. Explain each step of the COMMA approach to Bible reading. What are the downsides of walking away from your daily reading without noting a personal application? What do you find most difficult about crafting personal applications from Scripture?