



## Small Group Study Questions

### Week 1

#### 2 Kings 2:1-16

And it came about when the Lord was about to take up Elijah by a [a]whirlwind to heaven, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal. **2** Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here please, for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. **3** Then the sons of the prophets who were at Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that the Lord will take away your master from over [b]you today?" And he said, "Yes, I know; be still."

**4** Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. **5** The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho approached Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that the Lord will take away your master from over [c]you today?" And he [d]answered, "Yes, I know; be still." **6** Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." And he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on.

**7** Now fifty men of the sons of the prophets went and stood opposite them at a distance, while the two of them stood by the Jordan. **8** Elijah took his mantle and folded it together and struck the waters, and they were divided here and there, so that the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

**9** When they had crossed over, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please, let a double portion of your spirit be upon me." **10** He said, "You have asked a hard thing. Nevertheless, if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so." **11** As they were going along and talking, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire and horses of fire which separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a [e]whirlwind to heaven. **12** Elisha saw it and cried out, "My father, my father, the [f]chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw [g]Elijah no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. **13** He also took up the mantle of Elijah that fell from him and returned and stood by the bank of the Jordan. **14** He took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him and struck the waters and said, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" And when he also had struck the waters, they were divided here and there; and Elisha crossed over.

Elisha Succeeds Elijah

**15** Now when the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho opposite him saw him, they said, "The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha." And they came to meet him and bowed themselves to the ground before him. **16** They said to him, "Behold now, there are with your servants fifty strong men, please let them go and search for your master; perhaps the Spirit of the Lord has taken him up and cast him on some mountain or into some valley." And he said, "You shall not send."

## **Read 1 Kings 19:19-21**

Have you ever had anyone “call” you to do something for God? Maybe it was they asked you to serve somewhere, or do something in the church? Tell us about it. How did the interaction go and what was the result?

## **Read 2 Kings 2:1-6**

Are you a persistent person or do you comply easily?

What would Elisha have missed out on by staying behind at one of those times?

## **Read 2 Kings 2:7-15**

Who are the people you have inherited your faith in God from? How did they impact your life?

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Who was a spiritual mentor in your life who is no longer with us?

Who can you be a spiritual mentor to just like they were to you?

How can your Allegiant life to God impact those around you?

## PRAYER REQUEST