



Small Group Study Questions

Week 7

2 Kings 6:8-23 (NASB 1995)

8 Now the king of Aram was warring against Israel; and he counseled with his servants saying, "In such and such a place shall be my camp." 9 The man of God sent word to the king of Israel saying, "Beware that you do not pass this place, for the Arameans are coming down there." 10 The king of Israel sent to the place about which the man of God had told him; thus he warned him, so that he guarded himself there, more than once or twice.

11 Now the heart of the king of Aram was enraged over this thing; and he called his servants and said to them, "Will you tell me which of us is for the king of Israel?" 12 One of his servants said, "No, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom." 13 So he said, "Go and see where he is, that I may send and take him." And it was told him, saying, "Behold, he is in Dothan." 14 He sent horses and chariots and a great army there, and they came by night and surrounded the city.

15 Now when the attendant of the man of God had risen early and gone out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was circling the city. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" 16 So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." 17 Then Elisha prayed and said, "O Lord, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." And the Lord opened the servant's eyes and he saw; and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. 18 When they came down to him, Elisha prayed to the Lord and said, "Strike this]people with blindness, I pray." So He struck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha. 19 Then Elisha said to them, "This is not the way, nor is this the city; follow me and I will bring you to the man whom you seek." And he brought them to Samaria.

20 When they had come into Samaria, Elisha said, "O Lord, open the eyes of these men, that they may see." So the Lord opened their eyes and they saw; and behold, they were in the midst of Samaria. 21 Then the king of Israel when he saw them, said to Elisha, "My father, shall I kill them? Shall I kill them?" 22 He answered, "You shall not kill them. Would you kill those you have taken captive with your sword and with your bow? Set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink and go to their master." 23 So he prepared a great feast for them; and when they had eaten and drunk he sent them away, and they went to their master. And the marauding bands of Arameans did not come again into the land of Israel.

Rate yourself: How confident of a person are you? What makes you (or keeps you) this kind of person?

How can you grow in your confidence? Or do you think you are always stuck with your confidence level?

Read 2 Kings 6:8-14

If this happened once or twice, it would be a coincidence, but it is obviously beyond that at this point. What's going through the head of the king of Aram? How about the king of Israel?

How is Elisha's confidence at this point?

Read 2 Kings 6:15-17

Do you blame the servant for his question?

What's your first response when you are in a tough situation with no apparent way out?

If you were given this vision of the heavenly reality, what would your response be? At what point in the past would you have loved to see the heavenly reality in your situation?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read 2 Kings 6:18-23

Elisha was confident that what he asked God would happen. What would make you that confident that your prayers would be heard and answered?

Did Elisha's confidence make him revengeful? Why or why not? What's your proof?

How can Godly confidence help you this week? (**Read Romans 8:31-39**)

PRAYER REQUEST