



## Small Group Study Questions

Week 2

### 2 Kings 2:19-25 (NASB1995)

**19** Then the men of the city said to Elisha, “Behold now, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord sees; but the water is bad and the land [a]is unfruitful.” **20** He said, “Bring me a new jar, and put salt [b]in it.” So they brought it to him. **21** He went out to the spring of water and threw salt [c]in it and said, “Thus says the Lord, ‘I have [d]purified these waters; there shall not be from there death or [e]unfruitfulness any longer.’” **22** So the waters have been [f]purified to this day, according to the word of Elisha which he spoke.

**23** Then he went up from there to Bethel; and as he was going up by the way, young lads came out from the city and mocked him and said to him, “Go up, you baldhead; go up, you baldhead!” **24** When he looked behind him and saw them, he cursed them in the name of the Lord. Then two female bears came out of the woods and tore up forty-two lads of [g]their number. **25** He went from there to Mount Carmel, and from there he returned to Samaria.

What are some memorable blessings found in the Bible?

What are some memorable curses found in the Bible?

Does God give out more blessings or curses in the Bible?

### **Read 2 Kings 2:19-22**

Give a summary of the town of Jericho. (To help, read these passages: Joshua 2:1; 6:15-21, 26; 1 Kings 16:34)

In these verses, what do we find out about Elisha?

### **Read 2 Kings 2:23-25**

Why is it the nature of the young to be reckless and disrespectful?

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Are there any solutions or best practices to help the young not act this way?

In these verses, what do we find out about Elisha?

According to what we read, is there a way to get blessing over curses?

## PRAYER REQUEST