

Small Group Discussion Questions Following the Weekend of January 11-12, 2020

Please don't feel you have to answer every question.

Defeating Defeat

Craig Springer, Executive Director of Alpha USA

Icebreaker

What's the costliest mistake you've ever made?

In making this mistake, what were you not fully aware of at the time, and what did you learn from the experience?

Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud 2 Kings 4:1-7 a couple of times, in different Bible translations if possible.

What strikes you, intrigues you, or uniquely speaks to you from these verses ... words, phrases, human interactions, or something else?

What stood out to you or challenged you from Craig Springer's message on these verses, or maybe created some push-back for you?

In his message, Craig said, *"For our outer world to reform our inner world needs to transform, and for something to truly change we have to ask what needs to change in me first?"*

What's your response to this statement, and what degree have you found it to be true in your life in general? How about in your relationship with Christ?

Describe a time when you've felt defeated by defeat, and the possibility of change died within you.

What was this experience like for you?

How did you rekindle hope, and what role did God and other people play in this process?

Where are you struggling the most right now in seeing God at work in your circumstances?

Like Elisha, what might God be asking you to do as a first step for Him doing something truly supernatural in this area, and how do you feel about doing this?

Where might God be inviting you to partner with Him these days in accomplishing something supernatural in someone's life?

What jars will God need to fill in order to make this happen?

How do you need to cooperate with God in bringing these jars to Him so He can do this?

What did you most need to hear from this week's message and group discussion, and what are you going to do about it, and how can your group be praying for you in doing this?