

Elisha

Digging Ditches

TALK IT OVER

Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step.

Key Scripture

⁹ So the king of Israel set out with the king of Judah and the king of Edom. **After a roundabout march of seven days, the army had no more water for themselves or for the animals with them (The Problem).** ¹⁰ “What!” exclaimed the king of Israel. “Has the LORD called us three kings together only to deliver us into the hands of Moab?” ¹¹ But Jehoshaphat asked, “Is there no prophet of the LORD here, through whom we may inquire of the LORD?” An officer of the king of Israel answered, “Elisha son of Shaphat is here. He used to pour water on the hands of Elijah.” ¹² Jehoshaphat said, “The word of the LORD is with him.” So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him. **2 Kings 3:9-12**

Elisha said to the king of Israel, “**Why do you want to involve me?** Go to the prophets of your father and the prophets of your mother.” “No,” the king of Israel answered, “because it was the LORD (YHWH) who called us three kings together to deliver us into the hands of Moab.” ¹⁴ **Elisha said,** “As surely as the LORD Almighty lives, whom I serve, if I did not have respect for the presence of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, I would not pay any attention to you.” **2 Kings 3:13-14**

Key Points

1. Only God can send the water, but sometimes he wants you to dig a ditch.
2. Real faith believes big but is willing to start small.

Big Idea: Real faith believes big, but is willing to start small!

Key Questions:

- Describe a time when a great need drove you to depend on God. How was it a blessing?
- What’s one big dream for your life that you need God’s help to accomplish?
- What ditch might God want you to start digging today to turn your dream into a reality?

Optional Questions: If needed, include one or more of these scriptures and questions to extend your conversation.

- With your Bible or your Movement Church App, read and discuss 2 Kings 3:1-27.
- What are some great needs you are facing right now? How are you depending on God to meet your needs?
- In what ways have you experienced God’s faithfulness?
- What are some of the ditches you’ve dug to allow God to provide the water in the form of a miracle?
- What are some of things you do regularly that help you strengthen your faith in God?

Next Steps: What’s your first step to digging the ditch that will allow God to turn your dream into a reality?

Dinner Discussion. Put your ridiculous faith into action and dig a ditch by reading and talking over the following Bible passages this week.

Day 1: 2 Kings 3:1-20

Day 2: 2 Kings 3:21-27

Day 3: James 2:14-26

Day 4: Zechariah 4:10

Day 5: Luke 11:9-10

Day 6: Colossians 3:23-24

Day 7: Hebrews 11:1-40

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