THE GOSPEL PROJECT FOR STUDENTS

UNIT 13 | SESSION 4

THE VISIONS OF GOD'S STRENGTH

2 Kings 6:8-23

MAIN POINT:
Only God can open our eyes to see spritiual realities

HIS STORY

- **What do these passages about the Syrians teach us about God's heart for the nations?**
- **Why are we tempted to doubt God's protection?**
- **How have you seen God's protection displayed in your life and the life of others?**
- **What does this account teach us about kindness toward our enemies?**
- **How does this passage emphasize our need for God to open up our eyes to see God's truth and grace?**

Essential Doctrine

Work of the Holy Spirit in the Life of a Christian | The Spirit's work in the life of a Christian begins in the work of salvation in bringing a person to faith in Christ. It is continued through the work of sanctification in helping the Christian to become progressively more like Christ throughout the course of his or her life. The Spirit also empowers and indwells believers, intercedes on their behalf, and equips them with special gifts for the service of God's kingdom. He is the Comforter to the believer and aids us in properly interpreting the Bible.

Christ Connection

Elisha prayed for the eyes of others to be opened so they could see God at work around them. Likewise, Jesus came to give sight to the blind—physically and spiritually—so that they could see that He is Immanuel—God with us.

In Defense

There are some who would try to argue that the physical is all there is—nothing immaterial or spiritual. However, this account argues quite the opposite. In addition to the material and physical world of matter, there also exists a spiritual reality containing immaterial beings that is just as real and present as its physical counterpart. This is the kind of world God created, consisting of both physical and immaterial, with Himself existing as Spirit (John 4:24). It doesn't take much to recognize the truth of these two different planes to reality—both the immaterial and material. There are plenty of things that we know to be immaterial in essence. Thoughts in our conscious state are an example. Sure, our brains are a part of this process, but the thoughts and ideas we have aren't physical by nature.

HEAD

- **What are some takeaways from the fact that God opened the eyes of Elisha's servant?**
- **What are some things God has been opening your eyes to regarding His plan and purpose for your life?**

HEART

- **What can we learn about God's character based upon His treatment of Israel's enemies?**
- **What does Ben-hadad's refusal to submit to God despite God's kindness reveal about the king's heart and character?**

HANDS

- **What can we learn about the importance of prayer from this account?**
- **Whom can you pray for this week for eyes to be opened to see the beauty of Christ?**