

PASSING THE BATON

2 Kings 2:1-18

SERMON SUMMARY:

As we conclude our study of Elijah, we find that he has one more lesson for us: the importance of passing the baton. Whereas we tend to see life through the lens of our time on earth, God's plans unfold long before us and long after us. In our time together, we will think through a "long game" perspective and practical ways we can equip the next generation.

SERMON OUTLINE:

A Fact of Life

Life is filled with transitions.

Passing The Baton

Elijah's departure was imminent, and his successor's loyalty was challenged.

Elisha Requests a "Double Portion."

The parting water signified the transition was complete.

Prepare the Next Generation

Be a disciple of Jesus so you can make disciples.

Pass on what matters most: love for the Lord.

THINK ABOUT IT/TALK ABOUT IT:

- What are some major transitions you have experienced, and how have they impacted your faith journey?
- What qualities did Elisha demonstrate that made him a worthy successor to Elijah? How can we cultivate similar qualities in our own lives?
- Explore the meaning behind Elisha's request for a "double portion" of Elijah's spirit. Why is this significant?
- Reflect on the importance of being a disciple of Jesus to make disciples. How can we actively pursue discipleship in our daily lives?
- Discuss practical ways to pass on what matters most, such as love for the Lord, to the next generation. How can we ensure that our spiritual legacy endures?
- Share personal experiences of mentoring or being mentored in faith. What impact did these relationships have on your spiritual growth?
- How can we create a culture within our church that prioritizes preparing and empowering the next generation of leaders?