

# Community Group Discussion Guide

## Dig the Ditch Before the Rain Comes

2 Kings 3:9–20

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### Summary

In 2 Kings 3, three kings set out for battle expecting an easy victory, but instead they find themselves in a dry valley with no water. Their greatest problem was not the enemy in front of them—it was their desperation for God. Through the prophet Elisha, God teaches them that worship comes before breakthrough and obedience comes before provision. God promises to send water, but first tells them to “make this valley full of ditches,” reminding us that while only God can send the water, sometimes He asks us to dig the ditch.

#### Main Point

Your greatest need becomes a gift when it drives you to depend on God.

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### Discussion Outline

#### 1. We Are More Desperate for God Than We Realize

##### Read:

2 Kings 3:9–10

##### Discuss:

- Why do you think the kings were more focused on the battle than on their actual need for water?
- Have you ever had a situation where life went from manageable to desperate very quickly?
- Why do we often wait until crisis hits before we seek God?
- What are some “dry valleys” people commonly experience today?

### **Key Thought:**

**We are always desperate for God—we just don't always know it.**

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## **2. Worship Changes Our Perspective**

### **Read:**

2 Kings 3:11–15

### **Discuss:**

- Why do you think Elisha asked for a harpist before speaking to the kings?
- How does worship help us when we are anxious, discouraged, or overwhelmed?
- Have you ever experienced clarity or peace through worship during a hard season?
- What tends to distract you from worship when life gets difficult?

### **Key Thought:**

**Worship gets our eyes off the problem and back onto the Provider.**

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## **3. Faith Trusts What God Says More Than What You See**

### **Read:**

2 Kings 3:16–18

### **Discuss:**

- Why would God ask them to dig ditches before sending water?
- What makes it hard to obey God when you do not yet see results?
- Where in your life do you need to trust what God says more than what circumstances show?
- How would you explain this statement:  
**“Faith doesn't deny what you see; faith decides who you will believe.”**

### **Key Thought:**

**God often asks for obedience before He sends provision.**

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## 4. Keep Digging When Nothing Seems to Change

### Read:

2 Kings 3:20

### Discuss:

- Why do people often quit too early when praying or trusting God?
- What does “keep digging” look like in real life?
- Where are you tempted to give up because you haven’t seen progress yet?
- How can our group help one another keep trusting God faithfully?

### Key Thought:

If God says He will fill it, keep digging until He does.

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## Personal Reflection Questions

Take a moment and answer honestly:

- What is the “dry valley” in your life right now?
  - What “ditch” might God be asking you to dig?
  - Is there an area where you’ve been waiting for God to move, but He may be waiting for your obedience?
  - What would it look like for you to worship first instead of worry first this week?
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## Practical Application This Week

Choose one:

### Dig a Ditch

Take one practical step of obedience:

- apologize
- forgive
- ask for help
- join a group
- seek counseling
- start praying consistently
- return to Scripture
- take a step of generosity
- have the hard conversation

### **Worship First**

Start each day this week with worship before checking your phone.

### **Keep Digging**

Commit to not quitting in one area where you've grown discouraged.

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## **Closing Prayer**

Pray together:

- for faith in dry valleys
- for courage to obey before seeing results
- for hearts that worship before breakthrough
- for trust in God's timing and provision
- for one another's "ditches" to be filled with living water