



COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week of 2/1/26

Opener (10 minutes or less)

What food instantly improves your mood?.. and what food would you never eat again, even if you were really hungry?

DISCUSSION (50 minutes or less)

Begin your discussion time in prayer.

Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 6:24-33, 7:1-2

Questions:

1. What How does the extreme famine help us understand the spiritual condition of Israel at this time?
2. What does desperation tend to reveal about the human heart?
3. Where did Israel's heart turn in their desperation?
4. Why do you think the king directs his anger toward Elisha instead of humbling himself before God?
5. Elisha speaks God's promise of abundance in the middle of total despair. Why is it often hardest to believe God's word when we need it most?
6. God promises deliverance before there is any evidence it will happen. What does this passage teach us about the relationship between faith and circumstances?
7. The officer will see God's provision but not partake in it. What warnings and encouragements does this offer for our own walk with God?

PERSONAL (30 minutes or less)

1. Oikos - the 8 to 15 people God supernaturally and strategically places in your life. Any oikos moments you would like to share..
2. What is going on in your life (note prayer requests and praise reports)
3. Pray

2 Kings 6:24-33, 7:1-2

24 Afterward Ben-hadad king of Syria mustered his entire army and went up and besieged Samaria. 25 And there was a great famine in Samaria, as they besieged it, until a donkey's head was sold for eighty shekels of silver, and the fourth part of a kab^[a] of dove's dung for five shekels of silver. 26 Now as the king of Israel was passing by on the wall, a woman cried out to him, saying, "Help, my lord, O king!" 27 And he said, "If the L^{ORD} will not help you, how shall I help you? From the threshing floor, or from the winepress?" 28 And the king asked her, "What is your trouble?" She answered, "This woman said to me, 'Give your son, that we may eat him today, and we will eat my son tomorrow.' 29 So we boiled my son and ate him. And on the next day I said to her, 'Give your son, that we may eat him.' But she has hidden her son." 30 When the king heard the words of the woman, he tore his clothes—now he was passing by on the wall—and the people looked, and behold, he had sackcloth beneath on his body— 31 and he said, "May God do so to me and more also, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat remains on his shoulders today."

32 Elisha was sitting in his house, and the elders were sitting with him. Now the king had dispatched a man from his presence, but before the messenger arrived Elisha said to the elders, "Do you see how this murderer has sent to take off my head? Look, when the messenger comes, shut the door and hold the door fast against him. Is not the sound of his master's feet behind him?" 33 And while he was still speaking with them, the messenger came down to him and said, "This trouble is from the L^{ORD}! Why should I wait for the L^{ORD} any longer?"

But Elisha said, "Hear the word of the L^{ORD}: thus says the L^{ORD}, Tomorrow about this time a seah of fine flour shall be sold for a shekel,^[b] and two seahs of barley for a shekel, at the gate of Samaria." 2 Then the captain on whose hand the king leaned said to the man of God, "If the L^{ORD} himself should make windows in heaven, could this thing be?" But he said, "You shall see it with your own eyes, but you shall not eat of it."