



## Ice Breaker (in groups of 2 or 3 for larger groups)

What is a hobby/activity that you have that fills your tank? What is it about that hobby that fills you?

## Talk About it!

### QUESTION 1

#### 2 Kings 6:8-14 New International Version

8 When the king of Aram was at war with Israel, he would confer with his officers and say, "We will mobilize our forces at such and such a place."

9 But immediately Elisha, the man of God, would warn the king of Israel, "Do not go near that place, for the Arameans are planning to mobilize their troops there." 10 So the king of Israel would send word to the place indicated by the man of God. Time and again Elisha warned the king, so that he would be on the alert there.

11 The king of Aram became very upset over this. He called his officers together and demanded, "Which of you is the traitor? Who has been informing the king of Israel of my plans?"

12 "It's not us, my lord the king," one of the officers replied. "Elisha, the prophet in Israel, tells the king of Israel even the words you speak in the privacy of your bedroom!"

13 "Go and find out where he is," the king commanded, "so I can send troops to seize him."

And the report came back: "Elisha is at Dothan." 14 So one night the king of Aram sent a great army with many chariots and horses to surround the city.

#### Discuss:

What stands out to you from this passage? Are there any ways in which you feel you have limited God's power in your life? How can you level up in your expectation of the miraculous?

### QUESTION 2

#### Discuss:

How do you personally prepare in God's presence so that you can receive God's perception? What spiritual practices/disciplines do you do to hear God more clearly?



### QUESTION 3

#### 1 Peter 4:12-13 New Living Translation

12 Dear friends, don't be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you. 13 Instead, be very glad—for these trials make you partners with Christ in his suffering, so that you will have the wonderful joy of seeing his glory when it is revealed to all the world.

#### Discuss:

How do trials/struggles open up our eyes to see God more clearly? Talk about a time God used a trial in your life to deepen and strengthen your faith?

### QUESTION 4

#### 2 Kings 6:15-17 New Living Translation

15 When the servant of the man of God got up early the next morning and went outside, there were troops, horses, and chariots everywhere. "Oh, sir, what will we do now?" the young man cried to Elisha. 16 "Don't be afraid!" Elisha told him. "For there are more on our side than on theirs!" 17 Then Elisha prayed, "O Lord, open his eyes and let him see!" The Lord opened the young man's eyes, and when he looked up, he saw that the hillside around Elisha was filled with horses and chariots of fire.

#### Discuss:

What stands out to you from Elisha's response to the army surrounding them? How does fear affect our perception of our situations? How can Elisha's perspective help us in our every day life?

### QUESTION 5

#### 2 Kings 6:21-23 New Living Translation

21 When the king of Israel saw them, he shouted to Elisha, "My father, should I kill them? Should I kill them?" 22 "Of course not!" Elisha replied. "Do we kill prisoners of war? Give them food and drink and send them home again to their master." 23 So the king made a great feast for them and then sent them home to their master. After that, the Aramean raiders stayed away from the land of Israel.

#### Discuss:

How do you respond to "enemies" in your life? How can Elisha's response to the enemies change how we deal with people in our own lives?