



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

Share about your favorite game you liked playing as a kid and why you liked it.

Talk About it!

QUESTION 1

1 Kings 19:19-21 New Living Translation

19 So Elijah went and found Elisha son of Shaphat plowing a field. There were twelve teams of oxen in the field, and Elisha was plowing with the twelfth team. Elijah went over to him and threw his cloak across his shoulders and then walked away. 20 Elisha left the oxen standing there, ran after Elijah, and said to him, "First let me go and kiss my father and mother good-bye, and then I will go with you!"

Elijah replied, "Go on back, but think about what I have done to you."

21 So Elisha returned to his oxen and slaughtered them. He used the wood from the plow to build a fire to roast their flesh. He passed around the meat to the townspeople, and they all ate. Then he went with Elijah as his assistant.

Discuss:

What is the impression you get from Elijah and Elisha's interaction and Elisha's choice in response to Elijah?

QUESTION 2

Discuss:

How have you experienced a sense of calling in your life? (hint - this is NOT only about 'church ministry', but about any deep sense of calling from God for a life's work or mission).

Who are or who were the people who were instrumental in shaping that calling?



QUESTION 3

2 Kings 2:1-6 New International Version

1 When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. 2 Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; the Lord has sent me to Bethel.”

But Elisha said, “As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel.

3 The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, “Do you know that the Lord is going to take your master from you today?”

“Yes, I know,” Elisha replied, “so be quiet.”

4 Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here, Elisha; the Lord has sent me to Jericho.”

And he replied, “As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So they went to Jericho.

5 The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, “Do you know that the Lord is going to take your master from you today?”

“Yes, I know,” he replied, “so be quiet.”

6 Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.”

And he replied, “As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them walked on.

Discuss:

Why would Elijah have tried to ditch Elisha like that? How was Elisha’s sense of calling refined or tested? How have you experienced a sense in which your sense of calling has been refined or tested?

QUESTION 4

2 Kings 2:7-10 New International Version

7 Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. 8 Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground. 9 When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?”

“Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit,” Elisha replied. 10 “You have asked a difficult thing,” Elijah said, “yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise, it will not.”

Discuss:

What was Elisha really saying in asking for a double portion of Elijah’s spirit?

How does continuing in your calling lead to experiencing more of God?

What kind of ‘more of God’ is your spirit actually crying out for right now?



QUESTION 5

2 Kings 2:11-15 New International Version

11 As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. 12 Elisha saw this and cried out, “My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!” And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his garment and tore it in two.

13 Elisha then picked up Elijah’s cloak that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. 14 He took the cloak that had fallen from Elijah and struck the water with it. “Where now is the Lord, the God of Elijah?” he asked. When he struck the water, it divided to the right and to the left, and he crossed over.

15 The company of the prophets from Jericho, who were watching, said, “The spirit of Elijah is resting on Elisha.” And they went to meet him and bowed to the ground before him.

Discuss:

How do you think Elisha was affected in this moment of spiritual vision activation?

What value is there in being able to see spiritually?

How do you think Elisha felt when the waters parted?

What was it that made those waters part? What is the implication of this for your life?