

Small Group Study Notes

2 Kings 1:1-18

1. Ahaziah has had an accident and he is not very happy. When life turns negative God would have us joyful (Rom 5:3 & James 1:2). How do you cultivate joy in the midst of trouble?
2. When trouble comes your way where do you turn for help?
3. The key question is repeated three times, v3 & v6 & v16. The proper answer is given in 5:15. Why did Naaman get the answer right and Ahaziah get it wrong?
4. Ahaziah did not like what God had to say and so he sent soldiers to arrest Elijah. He was out to “shut God up”. If God’s word is not read or preached then in essence it is “shut up”. What practical things can we do to make sure that God’s word is not “shut up”?
5. The fire that fell was the fire of judgement (Gen 19:24 & Rev 20:14). Just a few years earlier it had fallen on the altar (1 Kings 18:38). The fire falls on the first 102 men and yet does not fall on the last 51 men. The fire falls on Sodom & Gomorrah but not Lot (Gen 19:29). The lake of fire consumes some but not others (Rev 20:15). Why the difference?