

Small Group Study Notes

2 Kings 2:1-25

1. This is a story full of supernatural activity. What do you think is our best argument in defence miracles?
2. Gilgal, Bethel and Jericho were all places where there were small communities of God fearing men and women that looked to Elijah for leadership. Elijah was at the end of his life and yet he is still hard at work. It would seem Elijah never retired. How does one know when the time for retirement has come?
3. Elisha asked for the “double portion” that is he asked to have Elijah’s job as the chief spokesman for God. Elijah said he had asked (for) a difficult thing. Ministry is always taxing and demanding. Why on earth would Elisha want this job and why would you want to serve God?
4. On the journey Elijah had done all he could to persuade Elisha to stay back. But Elisha was of a firm resolve to stay with Elijah. And without that resolve Elisha would never have been given the “double portion” of the Holy Spirit. Paul said we should “*eagerly* desire spiritual gifts” (1 Cor 14:1). So what is the relation between experiencing more of the Spirit of God and resolve / desiring?
5. Elisha’s striking of the water (v14) was his statement that if God were not with him he would not attempt to go back and head up the work of God. What are the indicators for us that we are serving God aided by the Spirit as opposed to serving God with our own resources?
6. The last two stories (v19-25) are illustrations of what it means to serve God. You will be a source of blessing to some and others will simply give you a hard time. In your service for God have you had experiences of both?