

Small Group Study Notes  
2 Kings 3:1-27

1. Jehoshaphat has been here before in that 22:4 corresponds to 3:7. But this time there is no corresponding verse to 22:5. Instead at 3:8 all we get is a question about logistics and not a question about what God may have to say. Explore the mentality that would lead to the question at 22:5 as opposed to the question at 3:8. Why is a 3:8 type question always easier to ask than a 22:5 type question?
2. Joram saw the lack of water as a *total* calamity (3:10). Jehoshaphat saw the same disaster not as a *total* calamity because he knew that God would have something to say on the matter (3:11). How do we go about finding out what God has to say on the disasters that come into our lives?
3. Elisha is not interested in speaking to Joram (3:13) because Joram only turns to God when everything goes wrong. The ignoring of God when life is sweet and the turning to God when everything goes wrong is not uncommon. But is it entirely wrong?
4. Music obviously played a part in Elisha's relationship with God. What role does music play in your relationship with God and what type of music best helps you worship?
5. God as ever full of kindness promises to provide water (v17). Provide water is what God will do. But then Elisha goes on to say what Joram will do (v18). We could argue that if he had known his bible he would have had a drink and then gone home (Deut 20:19-20 & Deut 2:9). Joram should have pressed for more of the story as did Ahab when Micaiah gave an answer that did not add up (22:16). Joram does not know his bible and therefore he will go into a war that he will not win. Psalm 1:2&3 says it is the man who knows the word of God who prospers. Where have you see the evidence of that?
6. Although Joram was not able to take the Moabite city of Kir Hareseth he does drive Mesah to sacrifice his son. So when Israel are desperate they turn to God and when the Moabites are desperate they sacrifice their children. Without God the desperate person does desperate things. Where have you see the evidence of that?