

Small Group Study Notes  
2 Kings 5:1-27

1. God had not saved this girl from her slavery (v2) yet she points to a God who can save her master from his sickness. How do you think she rationalised this seeming contradiction?
2. When confronted by Naaman's need the king has a panic attack (v8). We can assume that the slave girl would have known and believed the stories of chapter 4 while the king was ignorant of them. The stories of God's actions are recorded to build and strengthen our faith. Which of all the stories in the bible do you find the most faith affirming for you?
3. Naaman is staggered that his position and wealth carry no weight with Elisha (v11). James urged the church never to pander to a person's wealth and position (James 2:1-4). But do we?
4. The message to Naaman was narrow and dogmatic; "wash in the Jordan". Naaman could think of other ways God could have cured him. The message we preach is equally narrow and dogmatic; "believe on Jesus". What is your response to those who say there must be other ways to God other than Jesus?
5. What do you think is the significance of Elisha refusing to take a gift from Naaman?
6. Shadrach Meshach and Abednego refused to bow (Daniel 3:18). Elisha gives Naaman permission to bow (v18&19). Why?
7. Gehazi's punishment was savage. But proportional to his wrong doing. How would you sum up his crime?