



LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE



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Dive In (10 Minutes)

Go around and let everyone share...What is a time you panicked about a situation—a weird noise in the house, a work emergency, or a bank notification—only to realize the reality was completely fine or totally different than you thought? How did it feel when your eyes were finally "opened" to the real situation?

Dig Deep (40 Minutes)

Read 2 Kings 6:8-23 aloud.

- Look closely at verses 8-14. The king of Aram was furious because Elisha kept revealing his secret military plans to Israel, so he sent a massive army with horses and chariots to surround Elisha's city at night. Why does the enemy often try to surround us in the dark or isolate us when we are walking faithfully with God?
- Elisha's servant woke up, saw the surrounding enemy, and panicked: *"Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?"* But Elisha calmly answered: *"Don't be afraid. Those who are with us are more than those who are with them."* Why is our first instinct to focus entirely on the visible problems around us rather than the invisible power of God?
- Notice that Elisha didn't ask God to send the heavenly army; it was *already there*. How does knowing God's spiritual protection is present—even when we can't see it—change the way we view our daily anxiety and battles?
- Focus on Elisha's response and the outcome in verses 21-23. Instead of killing the captured soldiers, Elisha tells the king to feed them a huge feast and send them home, resulting in the raiding bands stopping their attacks on Israel. How does offering radical hospitality and grace to our "enemies" mirror the way Jesus treats us? How can kindness accomplish what conflict never could?
- Tell about a time in your life when God opened your eyes to see His presence in a situation that felt completely hopeless or overwhelming.

Do Big (10 Minutes)

- Pray for open eyes to see God's invisible presence and protection surrounding you right now, surrendering the fear of the "armies" stacked against you, and then...
- Discuss how you can prepare a feast of grace—choosing to respond to conflict, hostility, or difficult people in your life with unexpected kindness and love rather than retaliation.



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- Cry out and rely on His immediate, reaching hand the moment you feel yourself sinking, trusting that He will uphold you and lead you back into peace.