

Small Group Discussion Guide
Elisha and the Chariots of Fire

Icebreaker:

- When was the last time you got lost?
- Which of the five senses do you think would be the worst to lose?

Repeated evidence that Israel knew in advance of Aramean military movements causes the king of Aram to suspect a traitor among his officers. When the king finds out about the prophet Elisha's powers, he sends horses, chariots and a strong force to capture him.

Read: 2 Kings 6:8-23

1. What about this story did you find most amazing?

a) the way the prophet Elisha knew the Arameans' every move b) the presence of the heavenly host around Elisha c) that Elisha and his servant were able to see the heavenly host d) that God blinded the Arameans at Elisha's request e) that Elisha was able to lead the enemy into Samaria f) that the Israelites had a feast for their enemies and then sent them home

2. What impresses you the most about Elisha?

a) his prayers b) his faith c) the knowledge that God had given him d) his kindness e) his spiritual vision

3. Why weren't the Arameans killed?

a) they were captured by the Lord, not man b) Israel "turned the other cheek" c) it was better to "kill them with kindness" d) their hostility was gone

4. What effect do you think these events had on the Aramean army?

a) it humbled them b) it opened their eyes to the power of God c) it turned them into pacifists d) it removed their animosity against Israel

5. If you wanted to get back at an enemy, what would be your style?

a) a punch in the nose b) a tongue-lashing c) the silent treatment d) a law suit e) a call to 911 f) a big dinner g) other

6. What can help you in relating to your adversaries?

a) when I realize the spiritual dimension of the conflict b) when I take time to pray for them c) when I think about what God has done for me d) other

7. In what situation you are currently facing could you use a few thousand heavenly "horses and chariots of fire" to help you?

8. How can this group pray for you?