

Read 2 Kings 1. Has the king heard of Elijah before?

Is it God's will that Elijah kill the two groups of fifty men? Was it through God's power that Elijah killed the men?

Do you think the men had families?

Is what God allows the same as what God desires?

Read 2 Kings 2:1-18. Do the prophets have a word from the Lord? Is this word important?

What events does the crossing of the Jordan recall and prefigure?

What is symbolized by Elisha tearing his clothes in two?

Who else was not found after this death? When do we see these two together?

Read 2 Kings 2:19-25. How can the power of God be used?

Is God behind everything that the prophets of God do?

Is God in agreement with all that Christians do?

Read 2 Kings 3. What do you learn about Elisha in this story?

Was the king of Israel on the side of the Lord? Was the Lord on his side?

Did the Lord intend that Moab would be conquered?

Did the kings of Israel, Judah and Edom believe in the power of the sacrifice of a child? What is the great wrath that came upon Israel?

When we believe something does it matter whether it is true? Is the result of our belief the same whether it is true or not?

Do you believe in astrology? Superstitions?

Read 2 Kings 4:1-7. What does this story show?

Do you expect miracles in your life or in the lives of people you know?

Read 2 Kings 4:8-37. Is there power in objects like a staff?

Do the actions of the prophet produce the result?

Read 2 Kings 4:38-44. Are you reminded of any New Testament passages? What do these stories mean for us?

What do these stories tell us about the Lord?

Read 2 Kg. 5:1-5a. What risk did the young girl take in telling about the prophet in Israel?

What caused her to take this risk?

Do you give people advice?

Have you invited people to our church?

Have you ever been invited to another church?

Read 2 Kings 5:5b-7. What was the reaction of the King of Israel? What other reaction could he have had?

Are you more suspicious or more trusting by nature? Can we choose to change how we react to others?

Read 2 Kings 5:8-19a. What is Elisha's reaction to the request of Naaman?

What is the result of the healing? Who is honored?

What powers has Elisha demonstrated? Are these powers in him or through him from the Lord?

Can you have these powers?

Do you think Naaman was asking too much when he asked to be pardoned for bowing down in the house of Rimmon?

Read 2 Kings 5:19b-27. Was the sentence just?

What sorts of things get passed down generation to generation?

Read 2 Kings 6:1-7.

Read 2 Kings 6:8-23. Should we trust in the Lord rather than in arms and armies?

Does compassion have any effect on enemies? Always?

Read 2 Kings 6:24-7:2. Does the prophet's word change the course of events or only foretell what was going to happen all along?

Is faith required for this word to be fulfilled?

Read 2 Kings 7:3-20. Does the Lord punish unbelief? Does unbelief make the Lord angry?

Read 2 Kings 8:1-6. Was this woman treated differently than she would have been treated had she not had an advocate?

For whom might Christians be advocates? Who looks out for the interests of the rich?

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Who is sacrificed in war? Are the children of those who declare the war usually involved?

Read 2 Kings 16:5-9. Who is directing the actions of the king of Assyria?

Read 2 Kings 16:10-20. Whose idea was it to build an altar like the altar of the king of Assyria?

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Can the faithfulness of a people be perceived by the prosperity that they experience? How does Jesus' crucifixion affect our thoughts about this?

What brought your family to America? Do you think the ones who stayed in the homeland thought of those who left as exiles?

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Is money a god that is worshipped by us? What does Jesus say about money? What does our culture teach about money?

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Read 2 Kings 18:1-37. What did the Assyrians hope to accomplish by speaking in Hebrew? Did it work?

Are the leaders and people reacting out of fear and anxiety?

Read 2 Kings 19:1-19. Do you pray for our nation? What do you pray for?

Is God's honor connected to the success and prosperity of our nation?

Read 2 Kings 19:20-28. Isaiah makes it clear that what happens has been caused by God. Do you believe this about your own life?

Read 2 Kings 19:29-37. Is what happens to the king of Assyria a punishment?

Read 2 Kings 20:1-11. What needed to happen for this miracle to take place?

Is it important to believe that this miracle took place because the earth reversed its rotation?

Do people ask for signs in the New Testament? What sign are they given?

Have you ever asked for a sign?

Read 2 Kings 20:12-21. What do you think of Hezekiah's attitude about his own life and the one's who would come after him?

Some cultures expect the young to serve the elderly and honor the elderly. Is that true of our culture?

In recent years we have seen a great increase in our national debt. Who will pay for this? Who benefits from the spending of the government?

Read 2 Kings 21:1-18. Is there any sign in Manasseh's lifetime that what he has done is displeasing to the Lord? Who will pay for his sins?

No reason is given for Manasseh's turning the nation to worship the host of heaven. Why do you think he did this?

Read 2 Kings 19-26. What causes people to reject a ruler?

Read 2 Kings 22:1-7. Is it a good thing when people are trusted?

Are some people trustworthy and others not? Should all people be subject to oversight?



Read 2 Kings 22:8-20. Is Huldah a true spokesperson for God?

The book that was found is believed to be Deuteronomy. Look at some passages in Deuteronomy. What do you notice?

Read 2 Kings 23:1-3. Do the people have a mind of their own or are they simply going to follow the leader?

Read 2 Kings 23:4-20. Is astrology the worship of false gods? Why do people pay attention to horoscopes?

Was Solomon faithful to the Lord?

Was all of Israel's history a battle between the Lord and the gods of the land? Who won the battle?

Read 2 Kings 23:21-23. Is there any feast which the first Christians did not celebrate that we celebrate today?

Read 2 Kings 23:24-30. Did the Lord protect Josiah? Is Josiah greater than David?

Which has more lasting effects, faithfulness or unfaithfulness?

Read 2 Kings 23:31-37. Is Judah a powerful state?

Is the faithfulness of the common people even discussed in this book?

Are all people swept along with the events of the times in which they live? Does faithfulness to God matter in this life?

2 Kings 24:1-7. What reason is given for Judah being defeated?

Why do we seek a reason for what has happened?

Read 2 Kings 24:8-20. How do you think the poorest people felt when all the leaders were taken away?

Read 2 Kings 24:20b-25: 1-30. The king of Babylon was merciful to Jehoiachin. Why do you think this was?

Is mercy as powerful as killing?