

Discussion Questions Course 309–1

Large Group

1. Knowing that God is always for us, how does that make you feel?
2. God is always with us, even when we go through hard times.
3. In our video, why was Joy hiding behind the curtain?
4. How was Joy planning to respond?
5. This verse was in the video. Who was Elisha speaking to?
6. Why was the servant afraid when he went outside in the morning?
7. How was Joy planning to respond?

Small Group

Game

1. What part of the video was the most amazing to you?
2. Will we always see God's help and protection with our physical eyes?
3. How do we know that God is with us?

Teaching

1. In the beginning of the video, do you think that Joy felt like anyone was for her; why or why not?
2. Can you tell me a situation in the Bible story today where the odds were not fair?
3. Elisha wasn't filled with fear. What do you think he was filled with?
4. He didn't focus on the enemy army and the fact that he was outnumbered by trained professional soldiers. What did Elisha see instead?
5. Now, if you are a player and hear the cheers, how does that feel; what does it do for you?
6. In this verse, the word "working" in Greek is "energus." Can you guess what modern word comes from that?

Discipleship Challenge

1. Elisha desired more of God's Spirit. Why would he want more?
2. Can you think of some ways we can seek more of God—to know more about His character and nature, His love, His ways, and His will?
3. How could knowing more about God help us in our daily walk with Him?

SuperVerse

1. The soldiers were blinded by God. Then, when Elisha led the soldiers into the city of Samaria and Elisha prayed again, what happened?

Additional Activities

Experiment

1. Did anyone guess all of the items correctly?
2. Which items surprised you with the results?
3. How are all of the metal objects alike?
4. Most metal objects cannot float, unless they are shaped like a boat. An iron ax head is a solid chunk of heavy metal; it is not physically possible for it to float. However, God caused it to float! Why would God do this?

Dodge Ball Game

1. What did you think of the game; was it different than you expected?
2. Were the sides fair?
3. How did it feel when you were alone against the four players?
4. How did it feel when the three players came to your side and played with you?
5. You each had a chance to feel what it is like to be alone and outnumbered. You also had a chance to experience what it feels like to have more than the other side. Which did you like better?

Craft

1. Imagine you are Elisha's servant. It is early in the morning and you have just woken up. You look outside and see the Syrian soldiers surrounding Dothan. What would you do first?
2. Have you ever been in a situation where you felt outnumbered; how does that feel?
3. What should we do when we find ourselves in an uncomfortable situation?
4. Can you describe a time when you felt God's presence and protection even though you couldn't see anything with your physical eyes?

Bible Study

Romans 5:5–6

1. According to verse 5, how can we be sure God loves us and is for us?
2. In verse 6, did we do anything to deserve this amazing love?
3. How can Christ's death assure us that He loves us and is for us even when we sin and make mistakes?

Romans 8:31–32

1. What does verse 31 mean in your own words?
2. Did God hold anything back from us?
3. How does that make you feel about asking God for help?

Psalms 34:4-8

1. In verses 4 and 6, what did God do for David when he prayed?
2. In verse 5, when we look to God for help, what can replace our fear?
3. According to verse 6, does God hear our prayers when we need help?
4. According to verse 7, what does the angel of the Lord do for those who fear God?
5. What do you think it means to taste and see that the Lord is good?
6. According to verses 7–8, if we run to God and put our trust in Him, what can we experience?
7. Can you share a time when you trusted God and experienced His presence?

Joshua 23:8–11

1. In verses 8 and 11, what was Joshua encouraging his people to do to defeat their enemies?
2. According to those verses, what do we need to do to experience victory in our lives?
3. According to verse 9, what did God do for them?
4. What does verse 10 say we can do with God's help?

5. What does this tell us about being outnumbered?
6. According to verses 9–10, who is doing the actual fighting?