

Taken up to Heaven

2 Kings 2:1-18

1. What do you believe is the most significant thing God has done in your life? Share with the group.

2. Briefly looking over 1 Kings 19:15-20:21, what do Elisha's actions suggest to you?

Read 2 Kings 2:1-6. Let's explore what significant things God did with his chosen people at these three places - Bethel, Jericho and the Jordan, and if there are lessons for Elisha (and us).

3. Bethel - A Promise. In Gen 28:10-22, what did God promise to Jacob (v.13-15)?

4. Consider Jacob's vow (v.20-22). What does Jacob's vow reveal about his view of God?

5. Jericho - Perspective. In Joshua 5:13-15, who did Joshua meet? What evidence in the text leads you to that conclusion?

6. How does this link back to God's promise to Jacob. Discuss.

7. The Jordan - God's Presence. In Joshua 3:6-17, what was God's specific promise to Joshua (v.7)?

8. How does this show the people that God is with Joshua as He was with Moses?

9. Read 2 Kings 2:9-10. Is this what you would have asked for? What does it tell you about Elisha?

10. Read 2 Kings 2:11-12. What is the significance of what Elisha saw? Why do you think Elisha tore his clothes in mourning?

11. Read 2 Kings 2:6-8 and 2:13-15. Who is God with? Was this witnessed?

12. Has God made similar promises to us, as followers of Christ? What are they? Do you treat this (these) promise like Jacob did his promise?

13. What is one new insight or action that you have gained from this story, or the other stories of Elijah in our series?

14. Pray for each other.