

Small Group Discussion Questions

Following the Weekend of Oct 19-20, 2024

No need to answer every question. Feel free to jump around.

A Crisis of Leadership

(2 Kings 1)

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Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud together 2 Kings 1.

What words, phrases, concepts, or images from these verses stand out to you as you just read them, or create a curiosity for you in some way?

What aspects of Pastor Alan's message gave you fresh insight into this passage, or helped you the most in understanding these verses and what we experience here?

In your own life, who have you encountered who is/was an excellent leader and what attributes did they exhibit that made them such an effective leader?

When have you experienced bad leadership (no need to name names), and what qualities made this leader an ineffective leader?

Where do you currently have leadership influence (parent, teacher, supervisor, coach, older sibling, etc.)?

In the story of Ahaziah in 2 Kings 1, Pastor Alan sees three crucial questions every leader faces:

- When difficulty or trouble hits, where do you turn?
 - If you tend to turn to options other than God, what are they?
 - How is that going?
 - If you do tend to turn to God first, what does it look like to turn to Him?
 - How is this going?
 - Why is it so tempting/easy to turn to options other than God?

- When we are confronted by God about something, how will we respond?
 - How easy or difficult is it for you to submit to God?
 - What does it look like for you to submit to God?
 - If you find yourself submitting more easily to other people/social forces, what are they?
 - What does it look like to submit to these influences?

- How valuable are the people under your influence?
 - When you think of the various people you just shared you have leadership influence over, what is your level of care for these people?

Within these verses, and within this message, Pastor Alan highlights three examples of positive leadership – Elijah, the third captain, and Jesus.

In what ways are you inspired by these examples of positive leadership?

What steps could you take today to be a more effective leader?

Who is currently under your influence who you could take more care of in leading well?

If your group still has time for additional discussion, share your thoughts on how Pastor Alan encourages us to engage with Scripture (especially the challenging portions). As a reminder, Pastor Alan suggests we follow the midrash approach of Jewish rabbis who approach Scripture not as a problem to be solved, but as a mystery to be explored and wrestled with.

Conclude by praying for one another in taking practical next steps in applying this weekend's message and group discussion, after which pray for group needs and concerns.

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