



Sunday School Study Plan for August 2022 with Dr. Dewayne Dickens and Mrs. Hazel Reed

Theme: "Exploring Elijah and Elisha: Stewardship on the Shoulders of Great Mentors"
August 7, 14, 21, and 28

Week 1

1 Kings Chapter 17 – Chapter 19

Guiding Questions:

1. God directs Elijah to hide by the Brook Cherith in 1 Kings 17: 1-7. What lessons of faith does Elijah encounter at the brook?
2. In reviewing 1 Kings 17:8 – 1 Kings 18:45, list the God-given qualities of Elijah. How do these qualities affect Elijah's ministry?
3. In reviewing 1 Kings 18, list the weak, human qualities of Elijah. How do these qualities affect Elijah's ministry?
4. In 1 Kings 19:20, "Go back," Elijah replies. "What have I done to you?" What does this statement suggest about Elisha's calling?
5. Considering the events of 1 Kings 17-19, Why do periods of depression seem to follow great spiritual victories?
6. What did God do to bring Elijah out of his depressed state?

Week 2

2 Kings Chapter 1 and 2 Kings Chapter 2: 1- 25

Guiding Questions:

1. In 1 Kings 1: 1-18 when Ahaziah suffered an injury, who does he ask concerning his fate? What is significant regarding Elijah's response to Ahaziah's questions about his fate?
2. How does Elijah prove he is a Man of God?
3. In 2 Kings 2: 1-25, What do the sons/company of prophets tell Elisha? And how does Elijah handle this news?
4. How does Elisha know his desires requested of Elijah have been granted?
5. Why does Elisha curse the young men on the road?

Week 3

2 Kings Chapter 3 – Chapter 7

Guiding Questions:

1. Consider 2 Kings 3: 9-27, how does Jehosaphat handle the situation so that it appeals to Elisha to support him in the battle against the Moabites?
2. Make a list of the miracles of Elisha in 2 Kings 4-7. What is the impact of these miracles?
3. What patterns emerge in why Elisha's miracles are done when compared to why Elijah's miracles are?

Week 4

2 Kings Chapter 13: 14 - 21

Guiding Questions:

1. In 2 Kings 13: 14-21, what was the last prophecy that Elisha gave to the king of Israel?
2. How did Elisha heal a man after his death?
3. Consider the ministries of Elijah and Elisha, how are they different?
4. How will you recall differences between Elijah and Elisha?

WEEKLY HOMEWORK

1. READ TEXT FOR THE WEEK
2. USE A STUDY APPROACH TO RE-READ TEXT FOR PERSONAL AND BIBLICAL CONNECTIONS
 - A. CONSIDER 3 INSIGHTS, 2 SIGNIFICANT VERSES, AND ONE KEY WORD FOR DISCUSSION
 - B. USE BIBLICAL COMMENTARIES ON TEXT TO GIVE CONTEXT OR BACKGROUND
 - C. REVIEW VARIED TRANSLATIONS TO COMPARE MEANINGS
3. CONNECT LESSONS TO SERMONS FROM PAST DECADES AND LAST SEVERAL MONTHS

2 Timothy 2:15, KJV: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." **2 Timothy 2:15**, NASB: "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a worker who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth."