

# ELIJAH

## Group Guide

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### 2 Kings 2:3-15

<sup>3</sup>The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?" "Yes, I know," Elisha replied, "so be quiet." <sup>4</sup>Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, Elisha; the LORD has sent me to Jericho." And he replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went to Jericho. <sup>5</sup>The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?" "Yes, I know," he replied, "so be quiet." <sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." And he replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So the two of them walked on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground. <sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?" "Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied. <sup>10</sup>"You have asked a difficult thing," Elijah said, "yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise, it will not." <sup>11</sup>As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. <sup>12</sup>Elisha saw this and cried out, "My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!" And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his garment and tore it in two. <sup>13</sup>Elisha then picked up Elijah's cloak that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. <sup>14</sup>He took the cloak that had fallen from Elijah and struck the water with it. "Where now is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" he asked. When he struck the water, it divided to the right and to the left, and he crossed over. <sup>15</sup>The company of the prophets from Jericho, who were watching, said, "The spirit of Elijah is resting on Elisha." And they went to meet him and bowed to the ground before him.

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1. As we wrap up our series on the life of Elijah, what has been most impactful for you? Share what that is and why.
2. Read 2 Kings 2:1-15.
  - What is your first reaction to these verses and the story they tell?
  - Why do you think the author of 2 Kings begins chapter 2 the way he does? What significance is there in starting with the 'punchline' (that God is going to take Elijah up to heaven)?
3. These are the last moments of Elijah's life. As you consider this reality, discuss the following:
  - Do you ever think about the legacy you want to leave? Share why or why not.
  - What things in your life compete with God for your time and attention?
  - Do you struggle to give God your best attention? Share why or why not.
4. Discuss the following quote from Mary Oliver and how it relates to following Jesus: *'Attention is the beginning of devotion.'*
5. Elisha reappears in this story to continue what Elijah began. The same pattern occurs with Joshua and Moses, as well as the disciples and Jesus.
  - Why do you think this pattern emerges over and over again in the story of Scripture? What do you think God wants you to see in this?
  - Has someone poured into your life like Elijah poured into Elisha's? If yes, share your experience of that with the group.
6. Spend some time discussing which person you feel God is inviting you to be in this season:
  - Am I an Elijah? (someone who will invest in a younger person)
  - Am I an Elisha? (someone who stays close to someone who has something to pass on to you)
7. End by asking God:
  - To show you whether you are an Elijah or an Elisha in this season
  - To show you who he has in mind for you to walk with.



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## [LEADERS NOTES]

### RESOURCES TO HELP YOU FOLLOW JESUS

- [centralheights.ca/followjesus](https://centralheights.ca/followjesus)

### STORIES

- We love hearing how God moves in people's lives. If you or anyone in your group has a story and would be willing to share, we'd love to hear it and celebrate with you. You can share your story by emailing [stories@centralheights.ca](mailto:stories@centralheights.ca)

### MESSAGE Video and Audio can be found at:

<https://www.centralheights.ca/currentseries>