The World Spins Madly On Vol. 2 Week 3: Open Our Eyes to See

CCV Groups Discussion Guide

OPENING QUESTION:

This weekend, Ashley said, "You don't need to know Bible, how to pray, or be some "deep Christian". You just need to show up." What perceptions did you have to overcome to show up to group for the first time??

GROUPS <u>VIDEO GUIDE</u>

READ:

• <u>2 Kings 6:8-23</u>

DISCUSS:

- When you feel attacked, are you more likely to stand your ground, retreat, or attack?
- Elisha's servant was fearful when he saw the great army surrounding them. Have you ever felt overwhelmed or afraid in the face of difficult circumstances? How can we cultivate faith and trust in God during such moments?
- Elisha prayed for his servant's eyes to be opened so that he could see the heavenly army of horses and chariots of fire. What are some practical habits or practices that have helped you develop spiritual discernment to see beyond the physical circumstances and recognize God's presence and power in our lives?
- The captured enemy soldiers were led into the city and then released, even though the king wanted to kill them. This kindness brought an end to their attacks. Share a time in your life when kindness or compassion ended animosity.
- Elisha's response to the king of Israel, who wanted to kill the enemy soldiers, reveals a commitment to peace and reconciliation. How can we seek peace and reconciliation in our relationships, even with those who may have wronged us?

PRAYER:

Identify and then pray for specific people with whom you need reconciliation.

SCRIPTURES:

- Hebrews 2:9, "But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone."
- Hebrews 2:14, "Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil."
- Hebrews 4:13, "Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account."
- 1 Corinthians 15:52, "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed."
- Romans 6:9, "We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him."
- John 5:28, "Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice."
- **Daniel 12:2**, "And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt."
- Psalm 49:15, "But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for he will receive me."
- Psalm 16:10, "For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption."
- **2 Timothy 4:8**, "Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing."
- 1 Corinthians 15:42, "So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable."
- 2 Corinthians 2:14–17, "Thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere. ¹⁵ For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. ¹⁶ To the one we are an aroma that brings death; to the other, an aroma that brings life. And who is equal to such a task? ¹⁷ Unlike so many, we do not peddle the word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, as those sent from God.
- Hosea 13:14, "I shall ransom them from the power of Sheol; I shall redeem them from Death. O Death, where are your plagues? O Sheol, where is your sting? Compassion is hidden from my eyes."

• Daniel 2:22, "He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with him."