

# The World Spins Madly On

## Week 5: Passing the Baton

### CCV Groups Discussion Guide

#### Opening Question:

Dave mentioned that Elisha 'burned the plows' and didn't look back. What has God called you to leave behind so you can follow Jesus more closely in your life and impact others for His kingdom?"

#### Groups [Video Guide](#)

#### Read it again:

- [1 Kings 19:16–21](#) and [2 Kings 2:1-18](#)

#### Discuss:

- Have you ever had a leadership baton passed to you? What character or aptitude set you up to be chosen by that leader?
- Have you ever passed a leadership baton to another? What went well? What would you change?
- Read 1 Kings 19:16–21 and 2 Kings 2:1-18. What are some positive lessons we could learn about passing the baton?
- What are the challenges of passing the baton and how can one prepare to do that?

#### Prayer:

The Bible teaches us to pray for our leaders. Who are leaders in your life? List them off as a group and pray for them as they're shared. (i.e., spiritual leaders, educators, coaches, civic leaders, government leaders, etc.)

## Scriptures:

- **Romans 8:28**, “And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.”
- **Deuteronomy 31:7–8**, “Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, “Be strong and courageous, for you shall go with this people into the land that the Lord has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall put them in possession of it. It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.”
- **2 Kings 19:16–21**, “Incline your ear, O LORD, and hear; open your eyes, O LORD, and see; and hear the words of Sennacherib, which he has sent to mock the living God. Truly, O LORD, the kings of Assyria have laid waste the nations and their lands and have cast their gods into the fire, for they were not gods, but the work of men’s hands, wood and stone. Therefore they were destroyed. So now, O LORD our God, save us, please, from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you, O LORD, are God alone.” Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Your prayer to me about Sennacherib king of Assyria I have heard. This is the word that the LORD has spoken concerning him: “She despises you, she scorns you— the virgin daughter of Zion; she wags her head behind you— the daughter of Jerusalem.”
- **John 1:29–34**, “The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”
- **Matthew 16:17–19**, “And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

- **2 Timothy 4:1–8**, “I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 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.”