



Week 5: Looking Back to Move Forward

Scripture: 1 Kings 19:19-21; 2 Kings 2:1-18

4 Steps that Elijah Needed Elisha to Learn:

All are based on a geographic area in the story.

1. City of _____
 - Joshua 5:2-9
 - The place where _____ was put under the control of the _____.
 - Colossians 2:11
2. City of _____
 - Genesis 12:8
 - Genesis 28:10-19
 - Associated with God's _____ and _____.
3. City of _____
 - Joshua 6
 - Reminds us that it's by _____ and _____ that we can experience _____ over our battles.
 - 2 Kings 6
4. _____ River
 - Elisha does 2 important things here:
 - _____ his _____ clothes
 - a time of _____
 - Picks up Elijah's _____ and identifies with the same _____ as Elijah.

Start talking.

- Were you a “hand-me-down” kid? Whose clothes did you get? How “outgrown” things would you appreciate these days?

Start thinking. Read 2 Kings 2:1-18

- Why does Elijah continue to ask Elisha to stay behind? Why does he keep refusing? What does it tell about each man and their relationship?
- How do the “companies of prophets” know about Elijah’s upcoming departure? Do they seem to have a better rapport with Elisha than Elijah?
- What does everyone suspect about Elisha?
- Why use a cloak instead of a bridge or boat? To what authority does this action tie him?
- What does Elisha mean in v12? How does he feel? Has he passed Elijah’s test or been granted his request? How does he double-check?

Start sharing.

- Have you ever had the mantle of leadership passed on to you? What was it like? Could you truly be yourself?
- In what company (outside immediate family and friends) would you like to spend a day walking and talking? What would you hope to learn?
- Would a miracle-working cloak be helpful to you? Why or why not? Is there a modern version of Elijah’s cloak?
- In what manner would you like to die or pass from the scene? Is a believer’s death like Elijah’s? How so?

Start praying. *Be bold and pray with power.*

Lord, put me alongside people of the faith that will invest in me, and allow me to invest in others. Help me to put my body to the control of the Spirit. May I always remember your presence and promise, and may I be found obedient and faithful to your calling. As I live may I take the things that I learn and use them for your glory.

Start doing. *Commit to a step and live it out this week.*

- Find someone older in the faith that you can learn from.
- Find a friend that you can help model the faith to and learn from each other.