



## Lift Up the Axe

**Series:** Elisha

**Scripture:** 2 Kings 6:1-7

### Key Idea:

God specializes in \_\_\_\_\_ what is lost.

God cares about the \_\_\_\_\_ of your life.

What have you \_\_\_\_\_ that God can \_\_\_\_\_?

### 2 Thoughts:

1. Be \_\_\_\_\_ about where you \_\_\_\_\_ it.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ starts with \_\_\_\_\_.
2. God will make it \_\_\_\_\_, but you have to \_\_\_\_\_ it out because sometimes God wants you to \_\_\_\_\_ in the miracles.
  - With God it's not \_\_\_\_\_.
  - With God, you can \_\_\_\_\_ the person that he has \_\_\_\_\_ you to be.

**Start talking.**

- What's the most ridiculous or frustrating thing you've ever lost? How did you react when you realized it was missing?
- When you think about "losing something" spiritually — joy, passion, peace, purpose — which one resonates most with you right now?

**Start thinking:**

- Why do you think Scripture includes a miracle as small and "strange" as a floating axe head? What does it reveal about God's character?
- How does this story challenge the belief that God only cares about "big" problems?
- Why is honesty about where we lost something an essential first step to recovering it?
- How does participating in the miracle (lifting the axe head out) teach us about the partnership between God's power and our obedient action?

**Start Sharing:**

- Share about a time when you "lost" something spiritually — passion, peace, hope, purpose, a relationship, etc. What contributed to that loss?
- What has God restored in your life before? What did that process look like?
- Is there something you feel like you've recently lost that God might be inviting you to recover? What would it look like to name that honestly?
- Which lie from the enemy ("you're too far gone," "it's too late," "you'll never get it back") do you struggle with most — and how does the gospel speak against it?

**Start Praying:**

*Lord, we are thankful that You see us and the little things we care about. Thank You for reminding us that we matter to You. Help us to be honest about our losses this week, and guide us in our steps toward restoration. In Jesus' name, amen.*

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

- Identify one thing you've lost that God can restore. Write it down and pray specifically over it this week.
- Take one practical, faith-filled step to "lift it out" — re-engage Scripture, repair a relationship, repent of a habit, meet with a friend, recommit to serving, etc.
- Encourage someone else this week by sharing the truth that God restores what we didn't mean to lose. Ask who around you needs that reminder.
- Spend time each morning this week inviting the Good Shepherd to seek out anything in you that has drifted, wandered, or grown cold.