

# Weekly 4G Guide

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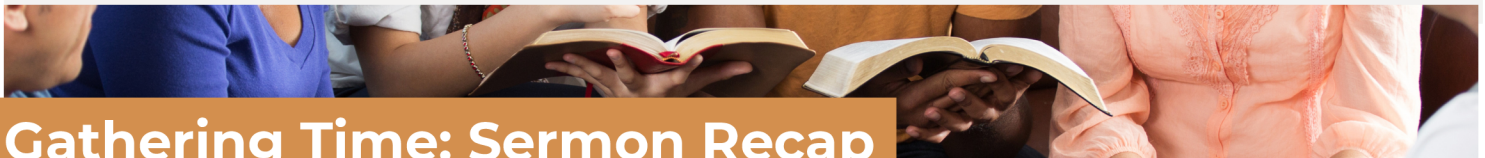
## How to Use This Guide:

- **Read the Sermon Recap** by yourself (for devotions) or with your group. You can also watch the sermon on YouTube @CBCFamily.
- **Read the passage/s.** Look for truths, promises, and/or commands. Try to find the “who, what, when, where, why, and how.”
- **Group Time:** First, take turns reading the Scripture passage/s from the sermon, round-robin style, letting each person read one verse. Go around the circle until the whole passage has been read. Then, **utilize the Group Time** portion of this 4G Guide.

### What's a 4G? A guide that covers:

1. Gathering Time (Sunday morning)
2. Group Time (for group meetings)
3. God Times (personal and family devotions)
4. Give Time (a prompt for reflection)

- **Personal God Time:** Use these each day to dive into the passages further and challenge yourself to apply the texts.
- **Family God Time:** Use these each week to dive into the passages with your family.
- **Give Time:** Ask your group, yourself, or your family what might be a good response to the sermon or text? How are you inspired to give of your time, talent, or treasure?



## Gathering Time: Sermon Recap

### It Is Well: Peace in Purpose

Today, Greg preached the last sermon in the series *It Is Well*. By looking at the life of Elijah, this series highlights the reasons we can have peace. Today's sermon focused on events found in 2 Kings 2:1-13

Elijah had continued his ministry for many years. He became the mentor to his protégé, Elisha. As the two travelled together, they were both aware that the Lord was doing something special—the Lord was going to take Elijah to heaven in a whirlwind.

The two men came to the Jordan River, and Elijah took his cloak, simply struck the water with it, and the water parted. Once they crossed, Elijah asked Elisha to tell him what he could do for him before the Lord took him away. Elisha asked Elijah for a double portion of his spirit. Elijah answered that if his protégé saw him as he was being carried away, he would receive the double portion.

It seems that Elijah was calm and at peace. Perhaps he had grown over the years and

learned to find his peace through the Lord. Perhaps he came to terms with his purpose.

We, too, can find peace through the Lord. After all, He is the only one who can supply peace to us. When we live for Him, submitting to His Spirit, he gives us the fruit of peace. Our general calling in life is to live for the Lord, obeying what He says. The Bible is full of examples of things all Believers are called to do (love one another, go make disciples, worship the Lord, etc.)

But we also have a specific calling—a sometimes temporary calling that never overrides or conflicts with our general calling. God has given us the desires to do things for His kingdom, using the gifts He's given us to fulfill that desire. He also blesses that work with a spiritual harvest, and He affirms our gifts through other godly people.

Pursue your purpose and find peace. Trust in Jesus Christ, ask God to reveal your callings, and walk with the Lord today and always!

## Group Time: Questions

### Conversation Starter

Ask: Has there ever been a time when your purpose was super-clear?

### Discussion Questions

Choose a track, mix and match, or do them all.

- **Track 1:** What is the main point of the passage that was discussed in today's sermon?
- What is the "who, what, when, where, why, and how" of the passage?
- Does the passage contain truths, promises, or commands to obey? What are they? As a group, make a list and pray for your hearts to align with God's Word.

- **Track 2:** How might non-Believers seek out their purpose?
- Compare this erroneous statement with biblical truth: "You can find peace within!"
- True and lasting peace only comes from God. Why? How?
- **Track 3:** What is our general calling? Make a list of several important aspects of that calling.
- What are your desires and gifts?
- What is your specific purpose? Do you know or are you trying to find it? What desires and gifts do your group members see in you?

### God Time: Personal

Use the sermon notes from our Gathering Time this week for your personal time with God. Use a spare notebook or your favorite device to journal your responses. Include prayer and application in your time with God!

- **Monday:** Read 2 Ki 2:1-3. Note all Elijah and Elisha did and said. Mark anything else that stands out.
- **Tuesday:** Read 2 Ki 2:4-5. Notice Elisha's persistence to stay committed to his mentor. Pray that God will help you be faithful to your commitments.
- **Wednesday:** Read 2 Ki 2:6-8. Again, Elisha is committed and wanted to receive a blessing from his mentor. Reflect on that.
- **Thursday:** Read 2 Ki 2:9-10. Elisha asked for a double-portion to be Elijah's successor. He knew his purpose. What's yours?
- **Friday:** Read 2 Ki 2:11-14. Elisha saw Elijah. What did that mean? (v 10) Elijah and Elisha seemed to have peace. Draw near the Lord and pray for the fruit of peace!

### God Time: Family

Parents: Familiarize yourself with sermon recap from our Gathering Time. Sum it up in a way your child/ren can understand.

- Consider **reading** 2 Ki 2:6-14 from today's sermon from the Easy-to-Read Version.
- Give a **summary** statement about the sermon and the Bible passage in a way that your family can easily understand.
- **Ask:** Do you think we can have peace in a job well done?
- **Say:** God wants us to draw near Him; that's a job well done. It gives us peace!
- **Activity:** Explain that a cloak in Bible days often represented power. This is similar to a king's robe. If the king wears a robe and crown, we know he has kingly power! Do some role play. Find a towel for Elijah's cloak. Act out the story. Notice the person in charge always has the cloak. After you are done playing, talk about how Elijah and Elisha followed God well. Obeying God gives us peace-- it's a job well done!

**Give:** How does this week's sermon inspire you to give of your time, talent, or treasure?