

Group Time

LOOK BACK:



1. Each participant shares one praise and one prayer request. (Commit these to prayer for the coming week.)

2. ENCOURAGEMENT 1-on-1 (See page 46 for directions)

Y/N	Y/N	_____
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3. Review last week's lesson.

Were you able to take steps forward in God's calling this past week?

LOOK UP:

Question: "Because I said so" is a statement every parent knows well. What are you really asking for by using it?

1. Review your notes from the Gathering Time (Sermon).

2. **Context:** In 2 Kings, chapter 3, the Moabites have been living under Israel's rule and now decide to rebel. So, the king of Israel recruits the kings of Judah and Edom to join him in quashing the rebellion. They set out with their armies and after seven days, they run into a drought. About to die of thirst, they decide, "Hey let's see if we can get a prophet of God on our side to solve this." They retrieve Elisha. God acknowledges their recognition of a need and solves the problem.

3. **Discussion:** Read 2 Kings 3:9-20.

- Do you, or does someone you know, have a "had to hit bottom before giving their life to the Lord" story? Share it with the group.

- Do you, or does someone you know, have a "had to hit bottom before coming back to the Lord" story? Share it with the group.
- Do you, or someone you know, have a "didn't know what else to do before getting on board with God" story? Share it with the group.

Verse 16 is very different depending on the Bible version you are using. Some say God will fill the valley with pools of water, and others say God commanded them to dig ditches to hold the water that he would fill the valley with. Either way:

- Reread verse 17. How was the water going to be provided?
- Reread verse 18. Who was going to cause the defeat of Moab?
- Reread verse 19. Yet, who would still have to fight the battles?

LOOK FORWARD: Application

Point: *God wants our relationship with Him to be teamwork. When we show Him our faith, He shows us His faithfulness.*

What step of faith is God asking you to take this week – because He said so?

Examples:

- Get some education or training.
- Improve a relationship.
- Be an example for your children.
- Sacrificially give of your time, talent, and/or treasure.
- Stop living as an island.

Think BIG but start small and keep stepping.