

**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)

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3. Review last week's lesson.

Share your 15-Second Testimony with your group. How did it go sharing with others? Who is God placing on your heart to share it with this next week?

**LOOK UP:**

**Question:** Why do you think most groups skip step two in the Look Back section above?

1. Review your notes from the Gathering Time (Sermon).
2. **Context:** In 2 Kings, chapter 6 we find an interesting miracle. It may seem unremarkable to us, but it was vitally important to one young student. A group of students are attempting to build a decent place to live. The head of the axe one of them is using goes flying off and is lost in the river. The problem is, such tools were like gold (not easy to come by), and this axe is not his. It was borrowed. It's literally a go-to-jail or worse situation.

Again, God solves the problem through Elisha. Via a miracle, the axe head floats to the surface where the student can grab it. All is well – back to building!

What would it take for you to “get back building?”

Will you let God help you?

3. **Discussion:** Read 2 Kings 6:1-7.

What is, or are, your axe head(s)? What have you lost that you'd like back in your relationship with God? (Examples: personal time in God's Word, meaningful prayer time, seeking opportunities to demonstrate God's love, declaring the Good News to others, teaching others what you have learned.)

- Read Revelation 2:4-5.

What is the consequence of refusing to repent and return to the love you once had for God?

- Read Deuteronomy 30:2-4.

God will reconcile and restore, but we must repent and commit. God is reaching down, but we must reach up.

How can we reach up? List at least five ways:

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**LOOK FORWARD: Application**

**Point:** *It's never too late with God, but He expects effort on our part.*

Matthew 22:37 says:

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.*

What will you do this week to do this?

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