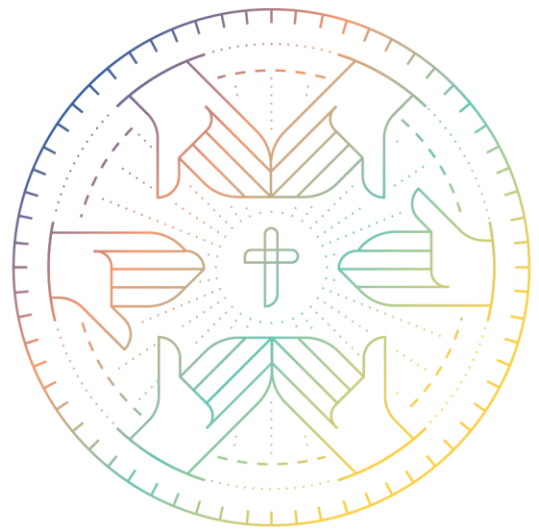


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MEETING AGENDA

WELCOME (10 MINUTES)

This week we are finishing our series *Even If*. We see from Elijah's story that even when change is happening, God is still who He says He is.

Next week we will begin a new series titled *Building Blocks* where we will look at 2 Peter 1. We will see from Peter, one of the closest people to Jesus, that we should pursue the "building blocks" for a life that looks like Jesus.

Don't forget to take attendance via the attendance reminder email.

ICEBREAKER (10 MINUTES)

What is the best piece of advice you've ever been given?

INTRODUCTION (5-10 MINUTES)

Anchor Verses: 2 Kings 2:1-14.

We see Elijah and Elisha journey throughout Israel to places that bear significance to the character of God. As Elijah passes the torch of ministry to Elisha, we see that God is consistent and is who He says He is.

INTO THE WORD (25 MINUTES)

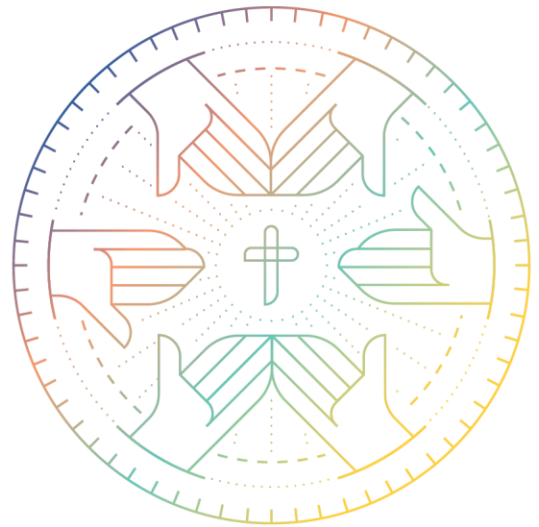
- 1. Read 2 Kings 2:1 and Joshua 4:19-5:10. Gilgal means to "Roll Away" and was a place of memorial and dedication for the people of Israel. Do you remember a time when you made a conscious choice or dedicated your life to Christ in a significant way?**

H.O.S.T. GUIDANCE

[Answers will vary. Gilgal was a place where people dedicated themselves to God. Likewise, if we have chosen to follow Christ, we also have a place or several places in which we have dedicated ourselves to God. Give your group some time to think about their response but offer to go first to help start the conversation. A place could be where you accepted Christ into your life for the first time or a moment where you rededicated or made a big decision to follow Christ knowing it would change a part of your life.]

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2. Read 2 Kings 2:2-3, Genesis 13:1-4, and Genesis 28:10-22. Bethel means the “House of God” and was the site of God showing up over and over again to His people. Can you remember a time when God showed up in your life or the life of someone you know?

H.O.S.T. GUIDANCE

[Answers will vary. Bethel was a city of major importance in the Bible and was located about 11 miles north of Jerusalem. In the Old Testament, only Jerusalem is mentioned more frequently than Bethel. It was a place where God showed himself to Abraham, and Jacob and where His Spirit dwelled with the Ark of the Covenant for the time it lived there. God showing up in your life could look like an answered prayer, timely conversation, or friendship that came right when you needed it.]

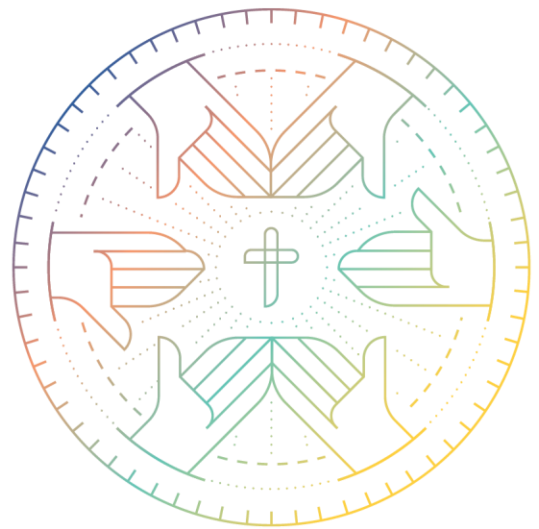
3. Read 2 Kings 2:4 and Joshua 5:13-6:23. Jericho was a place where the Israelites saw God perform a huge miracle because of their obedience to the Lord’s instructions. Like the Israelites, we also can experience God showing up in our lives when we listen to His clear instructions. How do you listen for God’s instructions in your life?

H.O.S.T. GUIDANCE

[Answers will vary. Jericho was the first city taken in the conquest of the promised land and set the pattern of the importance of obedience. When the people followed God’s instructions, they were victorious but when they deviated or didn’t listen, they experienced defeat. Though we may not hear from an Angel of the Lord as Joshua did we can understand God’s instructions for us through scripture and through the Holy Spirit. Scripture gives us clear instructions on how we should live and who we are in Christ. (Ephesians 1) Additionally, when we accept Christ into our lives, we are given the Holy Spirit who is our Helper, Comforter, and Guide. (John 14:16)]

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APPLICATION (25 MINUTES)

1. **Read 2 Kings 2:6-7 and Joshua 3:15-4:10. Jordan river was a demonstration of God's power and was commemorated with an altar so that future generations could be reminded of what God had done. Where in your life this week do you need to be reminded of God's power?**

H.O.S.T. GUIDANCE

[Answers will vary. An example could be a tough situation at work that you don't know how to handle. Maybe it is with uncertainty about your future. Or maybe everything that is going on in the world is just leaving you scared. No matter what you are facing you can be reminded and trust in God's power.]

2. **Read Isaiah 40:28, Hebrews 13:8, and James 1:17. God doesn't change and will be faithful to those who put their trust in Him. What would it look like for you personally, to live out this truth this week?**

H.O.S.T. GUIDANCE

[Answers will vary. We live in a world of constant, abrupt, and sometimes jarring change. There is hope and peace to be found in knowing that God doesn't change and that he is with us in the midst of whatever we face. As we process both good and bad changes in our lives we can stop and be reminded of who God is and how He will be near us through every situation. Memorizing or meditating on these scriptures can be a great way to internalize these truths in our lives.]

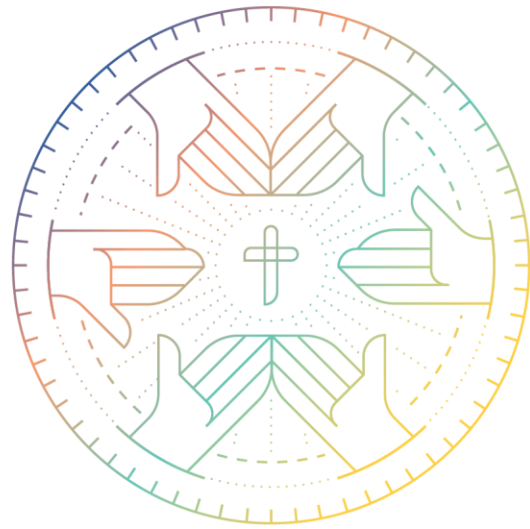
3. **Elisha grew into the man of God because of the mentoring he experienced from Elijah. Do you have an Elijah or mentor in your life what impact have they had on your life and if not, what steps can you begin taking to find one?**

H.O.S.T. GUIDANCE

[Answers will vary. The word "mentor" is defined as "a wise and trusted counselor or teacher." (Got Questions) For us, this can be a friend or confidant. Someone who has been where we have been or has some wisdom that they share with us. Being in a consistent Christian community is a great place to be mentored and shaped as you live life with other believers. Steps can look like asking to grab coffee with someone you respect. Ask for advice when facing a situation from someone older or whom you know has walked through your situation. Or reaching out to people you respect and ask about the last impactful book, podcast, or article that has grown their walk with Christ. We also each have the ability to help each other grow closer to Christ and should be willing to share.]

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PRAYER (10 MINUTES)

Dear heavenly Father, thank you that as we face change in our lives You remain the same giving us a firm foundation to live on. May we be reminded of who You are and what You have done in our lives. Help us to trust in Your power and to listen to Your clear instructions through the Holy Spirit. As we follow in the footsteps of Jesus help us to develop the strength of character to push forward even if we experience distraction, discouragement, and resistance. We pray all these things in Your wonderful name. Amen.