

PEOPLE STUDY QUESTIONS

FOR PERSONAL GROWTH OR DISCUSSION

MAY 13, 2018

Of the various ways you have been involved in serving Jesus, which have been your favorite? Is there a kind of service that you wish you had an opportunity to perform for Him? If so, what stands in the way?

- 1 What did you enjoy most about John's message this last Sunday?

- 2 Read the story of the call of Elisha in 1 Kings 19:19-21.
 - A If you were him and you wanted to come up with reasons to NOT respond to the call, what might those reasons have been?

 - B If you were to receive a similar call from God today, for example to move overseas to serve as a missionary (like John's mom and Caleb & Kelsea), what issues would be the most challenging for you to overcome?

- 3 God sent Elijah to call Elisha on the heels of his deep personal depression, what we might call "burnout," which is described in 19:3-18.
 - A In light of the timing of the call of Elisha, what do we learn about the importance of empowering others to serve Jesus with us?

- B Have you had a similar experience, reaching out for help at a key moment, or else finding help and support coming to you without you seeking it, when you most needed it? If so, describe that experience. What was the result?
- 4 Read Matthew 19:29, where Jesus promises His provision to those who make sacrifices for Him. He made this promise after a rich young man turned away from following Him because of the cost (vs. 16-22).
- A Based on your experience of the Christian life, what do you think were the most important losses that he experienced that day? What do you think he missed out on?
- B If you were standing next to him as he weighed his choice, what would you have said to him?
- 5 What stood out to you about John's conversation with his mom? Of all that she gained by her obedience to Christ, what do you think was the most important?
- 6 What struck you most about John's conversation with Caleb? If you had the opportunity, what would you say to him and Kelsea?
- 7 How do you hope your own life will change as a result of this study? What do you think will be the most significant obstacles to that change, and how do you plan to overcome them?