

## DAILY BIBLE STUDY SHEET

*Daily meditation on the Word of God is imperative to our growth. As the people of God, we should commit to reading Scripture every day. There are questions to help prompt your meditation. If you do not have a Bible, please contact the church office and one will be given to you. To locate the passages, use the Table of Contents to find the page number. The number before the colon will tell you the chapter to find. The numbers after the colon are the superscript numbers in your Bible indicating the verses to read.*

### **Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup> – 2 Kings 5:1-19**

This week we will learn more of Elisha's ministry before returning to the history of the divided kingdoms. Whom do we meet today and what is his issue (vs. 1)? Did you note who gave this foreign army commander his victories? We must remember that God can use anyone that he wants as a witness to God's power, mercy and judgment. We know that those with leprosy usually died from it. Now somethings have changed in Israel. What has happened and what was the result (vss. 2-3)? What did the servant girl suggest to her mistress? What the advice heeded (vss. 4-6)? What did Naaman do correctly and where did he and the King mess up (vs. 6)? How did the king of Israel respond (vs. 7)? Who comes to save the day (vs. 8)? What happens when Naaman arrives at Elisha's house (vss. 9-12)? Notice in verse 13 who stands up for Elisha. What do they suggest? Did Naaman listen to his officers (vs. 14)? What was the result? What response from Naaman did this bring and what did Elisha say to this (vss. 15-19)? What was the only glitch Naaman needed to confess before leaving (vs. 18)? What does this reveal about God? Consider today that both Naaman and the King of Aram believed God could heal Naaman. What else was revealed to you? What does this reveal about humanity? We can get it right sometimes can't we? How does this point to Jesus? Consider the healing of lepers by Jesus. It was more than one. Spend some time praising God for being God and showing mercy to everyone who seeks him.

### **Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> – 2 Kings 5:20-6:7**

We pick-up today with the end of Naaman's story. What is the problem and what is the decision regarding handling the matter (vs. 20-21)? What was Gehazi's issue with Naaman and Elisha? This is what discontentment brings. Once Gehazi reaches Naaman what occurs (vss. 22-24)? Once you have to hide what you did, you know it wasn't right? How does this story wrap up (vss. 25-27)? Makes you want to ask Gehazi "Was it worth it?" The sins of pride and discontentment can lead to disastrous results even today. We move from Naaman's encounter with Elisha back to the other prophets. What is the problem and suggested solution (vss. 1-2)? What happens once everyone arrives and begins working (vss. 3-4)? Why was this a problem? How does Elijah help (vss. 6-7)? Elisha is a man of God in large matters and small. That is because God cares about all things – large matters and small matters. What does this reveal to you about God? What does it reveal to you about yourself as a man or woman of God? Are you concerned about the same things God is? How does this point to Jesus? What small and large issues mattered to Jesus? Pray and thank Jesus for having the heart of God who cares about all things.

### **Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> – 2 Kings 6:8-23**

Today we will be blessed to read of the power and wisdom of this mighty God we serve. As we start, who is up to no good and who is flustering the attempts (vss. 8-12)? What does this king decide to do to fix it (vs. 13a)? Where was Elisha found to be (vs. 13b)? What does the king order (vs. 14)? Waking up the next day what does the servant of Elisha see and what is his response (vs. 15)? But Elisha doesn't seem to be bothered. Why is that (vss. 16-17)? Note how Elisha's request of God in these circumstances (vs. 18)? Did the LORD answer Elisha's prayer? Now that they are all blind, what does Elisha tell them and lead them (vss. 19-20)? Well that is one way to capture an opposing army. The King of Israel sees this and what is his question (vs. 21)? Seems logical, but what is Elisha's answer to that question (vs. 22)? What does the king do (vs. 23)? Why do you think this was the strategy? What result did it produce (vs. 22b)? What does this reveal to you about God? What does this reveal to you about humanity? Consider the servant was blind and Elisha prayed for his eyes to be opened to what was really surrounding them. The Aramean Army's eyes were open and Elisha prayed for them to become blind. Are your eyes open or blinded? How does this point to Jesus? Remember Jesus told the religious elites they were blind, while he opened the eyes of the peasants who were sick or alone and heavy burdened. Are you the cause of someone's blindness or the opening of someone's eyes?

### **Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup> – 2 Kings 6:24-7:2**

While Elisha is a powerful man of God, that doesn't mean things always go well. What is the issue today and what is the impact it has had (vss. 24-29)? Can you imagine things so bad you would eat your child? We have been blessed to never even have to consider this living the place and time we do. But not everyone is that blessed so be cautious not to judge. It is to show us how desperate things really were. How does the king react to this information (vss. 30-31)? The wearing of burlap was a sign of repentance, so we see that the king had turned to God. But since things were not getting better, who did the king blame and how was he going to address this person (vs. 31)? Meanwhile, where is Elisha, who is he with and what is the message he receives (vs 32)? What is the Lord's message back to the King through Elisha (vs. 7:1)? How does the messenger respond to the what the LORD said (vs. 7:2a)? Because of that reaction what does Elisha tell him (vs. 7:2b)? Why do you think that was Elisha's response? What does this reveal to you about God? Consider the messenger's response compared the capability of God to get it done. What does this reveal about us? How are you like the king of Israel? When are you impatient in times of suffering? How does this point to or reveal Jesus? How does 2 Timothy 1:8 help us to learn of Jesus and his suffering. Paul calls Timothy and us too, to be ready to suffer for the Good News of Jesus.

### **Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> – 2 Kings 7:3-20**

We close this week out with the end of yesterday's story. Who are the four unlikely heroes of the day (vs. 3)? What logic do they engage in to get to a decision of what to do and do they do it (vss. 4-5)? Who is the real hero of this story (vss. 6-7)? What do the four men do (vs. 8-9)? Did they act on the conviction of their conscience (vs. 10)? Meanwhile back in Samaria, what is the thought process of the king at this news and the plan to see if it is true (vss. 11-15)? How do the people respond (vs. 16)? How crazy did things get (vs. 17a)? Sounds like things we have heard in our current culture. Starting at verse 17b through 18 we see a recap of what the LORD said would happen through Elisha. What is the recap at verse 19? How did this come to pass (vss. 17a and 20)? What does this reveal to you about God? What does it reveal to you about humanity and yourself? How does this point to Jesus? Consider the prophecies that Jesus made regarding the temple and the curtain in the temple, even his own resurrection. Do you believe? What do you believe today about prophecies?

### **Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> – In preparation for tomorrow's worship, please read 2 Kings 8:1-6**