



NEW HORIZONS SMALL GROUPS

Sermon Title: Fire in the Summer - Good News Can't Be Hoarded
Scripture Reference: 2 Kings 7

Connection:

- What do you remember most from last week's sermon?
- How did you hear God's voice or sense His presence this past week?
- What are you looking forward to most this autumn?

Reflection:

- Summarize this week's sermon in one to three sentences. What was the main point of the message?
- What did the message say about you, God's people or the world?

Application:

1. Read 2 Kings 7:3-9. The four men moved forward without knowing whether they would find rescue or death. What is the difference between genuine faith and mere desperation? Can God use both to lead us toward him?
2. Pastor Ryan said, "God often uses unlikely people." What assumptions about a person's background, status, or abilities might prevent us from recognizing how God is working through them? When have you felt too unlikely or unqualified to be used by God?
3. Read Colossians 2:13-15. Pastor Ryan explained that Jesus has already won the battle we could never win. How should Christ's victory change the way we respond to temptation, guilt, and repeated failure? Where are you still fighting as though victory depends entirely on you?
4. The men initially enjoyed the abundance and hid some of it for themselves before realizing, "This is not right." What blessings, experiences, or truths are Christians most tempted to hoard? How

can we distinguish between simply enjoying God's gifts and keeping them from people who desperately need them?

5. Read Romans 10:13-15. The officer saw God's promise fulfilled but never received its benefits. How can someone remain close to Christian teaching, worship, or community without truly receiving the good news? What evidence should the gospel produce in someone who genuinely believes it?