



DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

Have you ever seen, watched, or sailed on an actual ice breaker ship? Would you sail on one if you had the chance? Why or why not?

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1. Who are some of the people in your life who you thought should have been around longer, accomplished more in your life or the lives of others, and how you processed their “premature” deaths?
2. It is natural to see ourselves as indispensable, integral, irreplaceable, and vital to the success of things in our families, jobs, or church roles. As you read [1 Kings 19:14-18](#), process together how this relates to your life and roles considering God’s faithfulness to Elijah and His chosen people, Israel.
3. As a life-long interim, what are some areas where you may need to be looking for and investing in your successor(s)?
4. Pastor Tom and [1 Kings 19:19-21](#) both show the level of commitment successful transitions require. How have you lived (or are currently living) this out, whether as the initiator of transition, or as the one being asked to step up and take on new or different?
5. God uses people as He chooses, not as we necessarily wish. Are you willing to be used by God in whatever way He wishes, whether that lines up with your expectations or not, and what will that look like this week? ([2 Kings 2:9-15a](#))
6. Life is short, eternity is long. How can you make the most of *your* today in light of what is ahead of you?

Day One: [Matthew 18](#)

Day Two: [Genesis 18](#)

Day Three: [1 Corinthians 2](#)

Day Four: [2 Timothy 4](#)

Day Five: [Job 18](#)

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PERSONAL GUIDE



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MESSAGE NOTES

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This is why God's Word _____ on us how important it is that we make full use of the gift of life God gives us (note [Psalm 90:12](#); [39:4](#); [Ephesians 5:16](#); [Acts 13:36](#)).

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But Elijah wasn't alone (note [1 Kings 19:18](#)), and God had already chosen his _____.

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2. Good _____ Don't Just Happen

- A. It takes _____ commitment (note [1 Kings 19:19-21](#)).
- B. Even the best transitions have _____ (note [2 Kings 2:2b, 3, 5](#)) - Their relationship was more than just _____. Elijah was Elisha's spiritual _____ (note [2 Kings 2:11-12](#)). But the deep emotions displayed in these verses tell us even the best transitions have challenges to _____.
- C. God uses _____ people to accomplish His mission (note [2 Kings 2:23](#); [1 Kings 19:19](#)) - Elisha made a _____ request (note [2 Kings 2:9-10](#)); but God confirmed it ([2 Kings 2:13-15a](#)). Elijah = _____ miracles; Elisha = _____ miracles.

SO WHO'S GOT THIS IN YOUR LIFE?:

- We're here for a short time compared to _____ (note [Psalm 103:13-19](#)).
- Note [1 Corinthians 15:58](#)

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