



Holy Trinity
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St Andrew's
Community Church

Small Group Discussion Notes

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Passing the Baton

1 Kings 19v15-21

Ice Breaker

- How have you viewed legacy up until now?

Context

- What happened to Elijah that made him flee?
- Where was he (and how do you think he was feeling) when the Lord came to him?
- What was the Lord's commission for Elijah?
- And how does the Lord encourage Elijah that he's not alone?
- What was Elijah's response to God? Where did he go and what did he do first?

Anointing Elisha

Elijah did not do what the still small voice of God told him to do in the correct order that God described to him in the previous passage.

- Why do you believe Elijah anointed Elisha first?

Elijah found Elisha ploughing with 12 yoke of oxen and cast his cloak on him.

- What do you think Elijah casting his mantle on Elisha symbolises?

Elisha took a yoke of oxen and slaughtered them and boiled their flesh, using the oxen's equipment, and gave it to the people, and they ate:

- What does this demonstrate about Elisha?
- What was the cost to Elisha?

Elijah doesn't actually carry out the first 2 instructions to anoint the kings. He leaves this for Elisha to do as we see in 2 Kings 8v13 and 2 Kings 9v1-13

- What does this say about how God speaks and works through people?

2 Kings 2v6-14

In 2 Kings 2 v2, 4 & 6 Elijah asks Elisha to stay where he was 3 times.

- Why do you think Elijah does this?
- What does this say about Elisha's devotion to him?

Elijah parts the Jordan, this is a similar miracle to both Moses and Joshua

What were the other ways Elijah's ministry was similar to the ministry of Moses.

Both Moses and Elijah:

- Stood for righteousness.
- Were associated with fire upon mountains.
- Were associated with the desert.
- Met God on Sinai.
- Were chased out of their countries by pagan rulers.
- Knew God's miraculous provision for food and water.
- Wandered in the desert for a period measured by 40.
- Fasted for 40 days.
- Parted waters.
- Had close associates who succeeded them.
- Had successors who parted waters also.
- Had mysterious or strange deaths.

Elisha asks for a double portion of Elijah's spirit be upon him

- What does a double portion mean (Deuteronomy 21 v17)
- What is the final way Elijah tests Elisha?

After Elijah was taken up to heaven Elisha took up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him:

- What does this demonstrate?
- What does it mean that Elisha had to pick it up from the floor rather than it landing on him directly?

Elijah then performs a miracle, what was this miracle and how does this confirm his calling?

- Elijah's ceiling became Elisha's floor

Application

- Who or what parts of the story do you relate to?
- Do you feel you are in a wilderness alone, or are you journeying with others?

Discuss what baton you have been passed by God and other believers? We all have unique elements in our relationship with God and different giftings, take a moment to think about how God has made you unique and for a purpose

- How have you viewed legacy in the past?
- Has your view changed in any way?

Who will your legacy be?

Legacy is left in people, not in things

- Who is there now in your life that **you can invest in** and **journey** with? Think now of someone you can **pray** for; who you can get alongside, who you can disciple - passing the baton to them.
- Who is there now who you can **let disciple you**, spiritual mothers and fathers that you can learn from – from whom you can receive the baton.