

Discussion Guide For the Week of August 26, 2018

Read 2 Kings 6:11-18; John 16:33; Philippians 4:6-7, 13

- Try to put yourself into “the shoes” of Elisha’s young servant. How would you react if you found yourself surrounded by overwhelming “problems” like he was?
- What was it the servant did NOT see that made all of the difference (2 Kings 6:17)? Is it possible there are spiritual resources available to us that we cannot see?
- Jesus shares both good news and bad news with His followers in John 16:33. What is the bad news? What is the good news? What did Jesus mean when he said he had overcome the world? How should that give us a sense of peace and help us “take heart?”
- When Paul wrote the letter to the Philippians, he had been thrown in prison because of his faith in Jesus (Philippians 1:13-14). Does it give you a different perspective when you realize he was in prison when he wrote Philippians 4:6-7? Do these verses promise to make our problems “go away?” What does the Bible promise if we trust God with our problems and anxieties (Phil. 4:7, 13)?
- Have you experienced a time when God gave you peace and strength when you were facing trouble? Spend some time in prayer thanking God for that peace and strength.
- Are you currently experiencing a time of “trial and sorrow?” Spend some time in prayer asking God for help. Turn your struggles over to Him and receive His peace and strength!