



Elijah was a prophet in Israel during the terrifying reign of Ahab and Jezebel. He stood up for God when many others were bowing to the idols of the day. In 1 Kings 19, we read how Elijah was disappointed in the spiritual state of Israel. He was exhausted and felt alone. While meeting with God, Elijah is recommissioned to ministry. God gave Elijah clear instructions regarding his successor, and Elijah immediately went to invite Elisha into ministry. Elisha was literally willing to burn all his bridges to follow Elijah and answer God's call on his life. Study these questions to see where God is calling you to invest in the lives of others for the sake of the Kingdom.

1. We all have someone who has made a significant impact on our lives. This could be a sports coach, an employer, or someone in the church. Looking back, what made this relationship so unique and impactful in your life?
2. Read 1 Kings 19:15-18. Elijah was concerned with the spiritual state of Israel and felt alone. We read that God reserved 7,000 who had not participated in idol worship. What are some idols that you can easily turn to in your daily life?
3. We read how God instructed Elijah to anoint Elisha as his successor. The Bible has several stories of leadership transitions (see Deuteronomy 31:7-8, 1 Samuel 10:1, and Acts 1:8). What do these transitions teach us about God's plan for His people?
4. Read 1 Kings 19:19-20. Elijah is obedient in finding Elisha and inviting him to become his successor, and Elisha is obedient in following Elijah. When thinking about the obedience of these two men, who or what holds you back from fully obeying God?
5. The word "kiss" is used only twice in 1 Kings. The people would kiss the idol as their way of associating with idol worship. What is the modern-day version of this? For example, what do we do to signify our allegiance to God?
6. Read 1 Kings 19:21. Elisha literally burns all his bridges and invites his neighbors so they will know what he is planning to do. What are some things that hold you back from following Jesus, and how can you remove them from your life?
7. Pastor Neal said that we are a church with both Elijahs and Elishas. Which of these people do you resonate with more? How will you apply the sermon to invest in someone else's life or find someone to disciple you?
8. Close your time in prayer. Pray for the strength to invite a friend to meet Jesus.