

ULC Sermon Study Resource

Standing to Go

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Prayer: Pause for a few moments to go to the Lord in prayer. Ask that He would draw near to you in this time, and open your heart and mind to hear His Word.

Icebreaker: If you had to delete all but three apps in our phone, which ones would you keep?

Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-14

Outline:

- I. God Works Through His Word (2 Kings 2:1-8)
 - a. By sending Elijah and Elisha to speak His Word to Israel, God has made it clear he has not abandoned his people
 - b. clear he has not abandoned his people
 - c. God was working then through the prophets and is working now in the church.
Q: *Where is God working in your life?*
- II. God Shapes His People (2 Kings 2:9-12)
 - a. God shapes us through the word through teachers
 - b. It is thanksgiving for those who have poured their lives into our own that
 - c. moves us to take up the calling they did.
Q: *Who among you is God using to reach you in your life?*
- III. We Pick Up The Cloak (2 Kings 2:13-14)
 - a. Elisha does not merely love & honor his teacher, he picks up his cloak and fills his office of prophet, and now becomes the one through whom God makes known his faithfulness to his people.
 - b. God is not done with his Church. God has not forgotten or abandoned us. We still carry the word of His forgiveness in Jesus.
Q: *Where are you being called to "pick up the cloak?"*

Reflection/Application Questions:

- 1) How is God speaking to you now?
- 2) What bible verses are ones that you turn to, knowing that it is through God's word that He works.
- 3) Take a moment to reflect on just this year, how have you been shaped? Is it good or bad? What are you allowing to shape you?
- 4) Reflect on where others have picked up the cloak in their life and how was it a witness of faith?
- 5) Who do you look up to? Do you have mentors, or people who model a christian life for you?

Suggestions for further study:

- Isaiah 55:10-11 **Q: *What is a specific time in your life where God has not let you down?***
- 1 Corinthians 12:27 **Q: *Why is it important to remember the "body of Christ" and how we are called to work together***
- Genesis 9:12-13 **Q: *God is a faithful God who keeps his promises, where is He faithful in your life?***

Closing Prayer:

Gracious God we give you thanks for your word to us. God, we confess that all too often we have made light of the gift of your word. We admit that we have perhaps often disregarded your word. So God we ask that your spirit would work through that word this morning to strengthen our faith, to move us to cling tightly to your promises that have come to us in Jesus. Amen