

“Set Apart- Holy Habits of Prophets and Kings” 3 “Mentoring” (Mar.6, 8 & 10)

- ❖ Opening Prayer
- ❖ Sharing (1) **Who was the most influential teacher or coach from your childhood? (2) Why was s/he such a powerful influence?**
- ❖ Watch Video

***Hebrews 13:7** *“Remember your leaders who taught you the word of God. Think of all the good that has come from their lives, and follow the example of their faith.”* is a pivotal verse in Scripture about discipleship & spiritual mentoring.

- ❖ **Q1 – Describe someone (other than the person you named in the opening question) who passed wisdom down to you. Q2 – To whom have you passed wisdom? To whom are you passing wisdom?**

God called Elijah to raise up a replacement for himself. Elijah passed on the mantle – literally – to Elisha. Read aloud 1 Kings 19:19-21** ¹⁹ *So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. **Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. ²⁰ *Elisha took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his servant.*

- ❖ **Q3 – What did Elijah do to indicate that he had chosen Elisha as his successor?**

***When they reached the Jordan, seemingly at a dead-end, Elijah suddenly took his mantle and struck the river, causing it to part and allowing the two men to walk to the other side on dry ground. Then, Elijah turned to Elisha and spoke to him. Read aloud 2 Kings 2:9-10.** ⁹ *When they came to the other side, Elijah said to Elisha, “**Tell me what I can do for you before I am taken away.**” And Elisha replied, “**Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit and become your successor.**”* ¹⁰ *“You have asked a difficult thing,” Elijah replied. “**If you see me when I am taken from you, then you will get your request. But if not, then you won’t.**”*

- ❖ **Q6 – How would Elisha know if he received his request? Q7 – If you could have a double portion of someone else’s faith, whose would you want to receive?**

***Elijah’s ministry was multiplied – doubled – in the life of Elisha. This was his gift – his legacy. Just imagine if in every generation, the strength of God’s people doubled because we learned the secret of Elisha and Elijah – the secret of learning all we can from the generation before and investing all we can in the generation that will follow us. *Q8 – What would the world look like if Christians sought to pour into others a double portion of grace and wisdom? Q9 – What legacy of faith are you leaving behind for those following you? What (or who) is your lasting “masterpiece”?**

*We need to learn to recognize and reach out to the next generation of followers in Christ in order to help them grow in faith.

❖ *Q10 – Why is it difficult for many people to see ourselves as a potential leader or mentor?*

❖ *Q11 – What spiritual wisdom have you gained in your faith journey that could bless someone in the next generation?*

*With all the similarities that caused people to speculate about connections between Elijah and Jesus, one of the most important has to do with mentoring. Both Elijah and Jesus practiced mentoring in a specific way. They didn't just teach their followers with words, they invited them to follow, observe, and learn from the way they lived on a daily basis.

❖ *Q12 – Has someone been a living sermon for you? If so, what have you learned from them?*

❖ *Q13 – How was Jesus' whole life a living sermon?*

*God wants us to function as human links in the chain of believers. God wants to give you mentors who will let you walk beside them, see their own faith and actions, and ultimately follow them in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. God also wants you to reach out to those who need strength and wisdom, offering them a human link that will connect them to Christ.

❖ *Q14 – Why do you think God made us to need one another?*

❖ *Q15 – How is Jesus the perfect model for a spiritual mentoring relationship?*

❖ **Application**

❖ *Q16 – What did you learn about mentoring this week?*

❖ *Q17 – What did you learn this week about God? About yourself?*

❖ *Q18 – How have you been blessed by the practice of mentoring – either as a mentor or mentee or both?*

❖ *Q19 – Who is on your chain of faith?*

***CLOSING PRAYER – Joys & Concerns**