



## Small Group Discussion Guide

September 9, 2018

**Sermon Title:**

"Exercising Our Faith"

**Sermon Text:** II Kings 6:1-7

**Scripture Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:12-20

**Leader:** *Please allow a moment for introductions/visiting. Have someone offer a brief prayer inviting God to speak and lead using the group's discussion.*

**Getting Started:** This Sunday is our 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary since the founding of Westside Community Church. How long have you been a part of the church? What or who encouraged you to become a part of this fellowship of believers?

### Discussion

1. Consider the text you've read today. What do you know about Elisha? Who was his mentor? How did he experience his 'call' to ministry? **(Reference: 1 Kings 19:19-21)**
2. The company (or "school") of prophets had experienced a problem. What was it? **(Vss. 1, 2)** What were they going to do about it? This provided the backstory for the event in the text today.
3. As they went to the bank of the Jordan River to clear wood, what calamity occurred? **(Vs. 5)** Can you relate? Consider the context of the situation. (Iron tools would have been a premium luxury. The prophets probably had minimum possessions. A trusted friend had loaned the axe to the prophet, believing it was in good hands and would be returned in due time.) Can you imagine the horror when the axe head flew off the handle and sank deep in the section of the Jordan River, not able to be retrieved? (Have you ever experienced a 'horror' with a borrowed item a friend loaned you?)
4. The matter didn't seem to phase Elisha. He cut a stick, threw it in the water, and the axe floated to the top. **(Vs. 6)** Though there was not a verbal prayer spoken here, there was a GREAT deal of faith exhibited. How can we exercise our faith to the level that Elisha did? Consider these points and discuss how you can practice each:
  - \*Ask the Improbable
  - \*Expect the Impossible
  - \*Experience the Incredible
5. For 15 years, Westside Community Church has experienced blessings all along the way. The "AXE" has floated for us many times. **WHERE IN YOUR LIFE DO YOU NEED AN AXE HEAD TO FLOAT FOR YOU?**

**Closing:** Close by sharing prayer requests. Pray for each another and for the needs that were shared. **Have a blessed week. GO SHARE JESUS!**