

Take a Risk Life Group Questions

Warm Up: If someone gave you enough money to start a business, what kind of business would you start?

Read 2 Kings 6:33b-7:20 and discuss the following questions.

1. Would you agree or disagree that living by faith requires taking a risk? Explain.
2. After the officer heard the word of the Lord through Elisha the prophet, he refused to believe what he had been told and it cost him. Old Testament prophets do not speak God's Word to us today. Instead, the Bible speaks God's Word to us. Do you think there are parts of Scripture we refuse to believe today? What parts? What do you think it costs us?
3. In this passage the truth of what God had done to the Arameans was shared with the king, but his fear kept him from believing. Fear is a common emotion that all people experience and there is no way to live a life that never encounters fear. When God speaks truth or makes a promise through Scripture, it is not uncommon for us to be tempted with fear influencing us to doubt or not believe. What are some truths or promises in Scripture that strike fear into people causing them to doubt God's Word? What things do you do to overcome the fear you encounter after God shares a truth or promise with you?
4. The lepers took a risk for the sake of life. Jesus said, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." A "full" life can only be experienced when one is living by faith, but faith requires risk. It was only after the lepers took action that they realized God had already moved on their behalf. Sometimes we blame God for what appears to be a lack of concern on His part, while all the time what is missing is our urgency to act. We want God to act, but we fail to take responsibility to act ourselves. We let unbelief or fear stagnate us into apathy or despair. The "full" life Christ offers happens when we cross our fear lines...when we choose to believe...and step into what God has done or is doing for us. Describe a time when you crossed a fear line. What did God do for you?
5. Who do you most relate to in this passage: the officer, the king or the lepers? Explain.

Read 2 Corinthians 5:20 and discuss this question.

6. Deliverance needs an evangelist to proclaim it. The lepers realized that it wasn't just the four of them who were delivered from the Arameans. At sunrise, the whole city would discover the enemy had fled and people would wonder why the lepers didn't say something. We can easily see how this applies to the Church today. We have Good News, but many times we keep it to ourselves. What are some practical things we can do to become better ambassadors for Christ?