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DESTINY DECISIONS

ONE CHOICE CAN CHANGE EVERYTHING



ELISHA

Small Group Study Guide

Destiny Decisions - Elisha

1 Kings 19:19–21

Icebreaker

- What’s the craziest or boldest decision you’ve ever made?
- Have you ever had to give something up completely in order to move forward?

Read the Word

1 Kings 19:19–21

“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. Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. ‘Let me kiss my father and mother goodbye,’ he said, ‘and then I will come with you.’ ‘Go back,’ Elijah replied. ‘What have I done to you?’ So Elisha left him and went back. He 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.”

Key Theme

- To step into your destiny, you must step away from your security.
- Elisha showed radical faith: he killed the cows and burned the plows.
- He left no Plan B, only obedience to God’s call.

Main Points from the Sermon

1. You don’t have to understand fully to obey immediately.

- Elisha didn’t wait for details. He just obeyed.
- God often gives one word: Go. Stay. Trust. Start. Commit.

2. Those God uses the most are the ones who hold on to the least.

- Elisha burned the plows; no turning back.
- The disciples left everything to follow Jesus.
- To step into your destiny, you must step away from your security.

Discussion Questions

Understanding the Text

- 1.What does Elijah’s cloak (mantle) represent in this story?
- 2.Why do you think Elisha killed the oxen and burned the plows instead of keeping them?
- 3.How do these actions demonstrate faith?

Applying to Our Lives

- 1.What are some modern “plows” people hold on to instead of fully trusting God?
- 2.Is there an area in your life where God is asking you to obey without knowing all the details?
- 3.What security (comfort zone, habit, relationship, possession) might God be asking you to let go of in order to step into His purpose?

Living It Out

- 1.What’s one step of obedience you can take this week, even if you don’t understand everything?
- 2.How can this group pray for you as you step forward in faith?

Group Activity (Optional)

- On index cards or slips of paper, have each person quietly write down one “plow” they might need to let go of—something that could be holding them back from full obedience.
- Fold the cards, place them in a bowl, and pray over them as a group. (No one has to share unless they want to.)

Memory Verse

Hebrews 11:6 – “And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.”

Closing Prayer

“Father, give us the courage of Elisha. Help us to obey You immediately, even when we don’t understand fully. Show us what ‘plows’ we need to burn so nothing holds us back. Teach us to walk by faith, not by sight. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”