Life Group Study

For week of January 26, 2020

Series: 2020 Vision

Message: See God at Work January 26, 2020

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Vision:

- 1. The faculty or state of being able to see clearly and accurately.
- 2. The ability to think about or plan the future with imagination or wisdom. A preferred future.

Are you ready to see?

2 Kings 6:8-14

Open my eyes.

2 Kings 6:15-17

The enemy is blinded.

2 Kings 6:18-19

When God gives you a victory, don't take matters into <u>your</u> <u>own hands</u>. Celebrate what God has done.

2 Kings 6:20-23

Many of our Life Groups use this insert as a discussion guide throughout the week. We encourage you to take that next step in your journey with Jesus & His church by joining one today! www.seekreallife.com/groups

Share your story

What insight, question, or resolution did you discover from our time of worship together on Sunday?

Do you tend to jump at the first assumption or wait until you have more pieces? Does this vary depending on the situation? Why or why not?

Connect to God's story

Read Ephesians 6:10-18.

All wars are not fought in the physical realm with guns and tanks. There is a spiritual war to fight with a spiritual enemy. In his letter, Paul defines who our real enemy is... and it's usually not who you think. How can it help you to know the battle we face is not against people? What can happen if we don't realize this truth?

How can the Spirit help you see clearly the battle before you?

As you take up the armor of God, He protects you and gives you eyes to see. He frees you from fear and gives you faith to stand against the enemy.

What part of your life feels like a war today? What do you do when the war seems to have a lull? What are things that steal your ability to stay alert? Why do you think alertness is important?

Read Colossians 1:15-22.

How can understanding that Jesus has authority over everything change the way you see dangerous or fearful situations?

How has Jesus shown you his presence and authority in life's storms? Is there a storm you're currently facing that you need to seek his authority in through prayer? How important is it that we see clearly in the face of these challenges? Why?

On Sunday, Jeff talked with us about the remarkable story of the prophet Elisha in 2 Kings 6 where a recently blinded and vulnerable enemy was shown great mercy.

Read Matthew 5:44-48.

Why is the call of Jesus to love our enemies so radical? How does the Ephesians 6 passage we read earlier help us understand where the battle really is?

This week, ask the Lord to:

- Open your eyes to the spiritual reality in and around you.
- Free you from any fear you may be experiencing.
- Give you faith to stand against the real enemy of your soul.

You light a lamp for me.

Yahweh, my God, lights up my darkness.

- Psalm 18:28 (NLT)

Real Life Prayer for 2020

It is God's will for us to have an intimate, personal, and dependent relationship with all of Him—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This year let us make it personal, a prayer of commitment and connection with God.

Pause Prayers

Read each of these simple statement prayers separately then pause, pray, listen, and respond:

"Abba, I belong to You."

"Come Lord Jesus."

"I surrender to You."

"Holy Spirit set my love in order."

"I trust You."

"You are enough."

As we open ourselves to a new year and a new decade, ask God to bring a personal **revival*** to you: body, mind, and spirit. As each of us fully embraces all that God has for us, He is able to work immeasurably in, for, and through us.

When we open ourselves to God reviving us we will not be the same. Real Life Church will not be the same. Our community will not be the same. Let us claim 2020 as the year of the Lord's favor and look with expectant eyes for the miracles of God!

*Revival Definition: an improvement in the condition or strength of something.