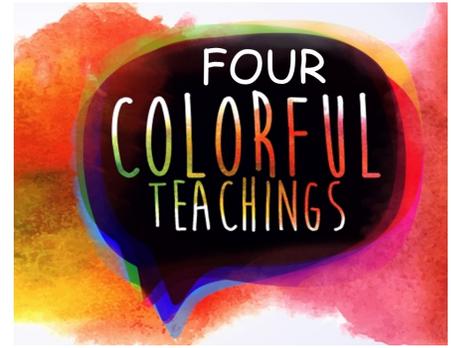


Royal Redeemer
CGS Community Discussion Guide



Based on the Sermon Four Colorful Teachings: Elisha
And the sermon for July 30, 2017

(For use as an opening Devotion, use only the highlighted portion)

- **Begin by sharing a high and/or a low from your week**

- **Connect**

- Share a time when a public figure blatantly misused their power. How was it covered by the media? How did the public react?

- **Grow** (read this passage aloud and listen for words or phrases that speak into your life now)

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?"

"Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied.

Elisha then picked up Elijah's cloak that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. 14 He took the cloak that had fallen from Elijah and struck the water with it. "Where now is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" he asked. When he struck the water, it divided to the right and to the left, and he crossed over.

15 The company of the prophets from Jericho, who were watching, said, "The spirit of Elijah is resting on Elisha." And they went to meet him and bowed to the ground before him.

The people of the city said to Elisha, "Look, our lord, this town is well situated, as you can see, but the water is bad and the land is unproductive."

20 "Bring me a new bowl," he said, "and put salt in it." So they brought it to him.

21 Then he went out to the spring and threw the salt into it, saying, "This is what the Lord says: 'I have healed this water. Never again will it cause death or make the land unproductive.'" 22 And the water has remained pure to this day, according to the word Elisha had spoken.

23 From there Elisha went up to Bethel. As he was walking along the road, some boys came out of the town and jeered at him. "Get out of here, baldy!" they said. "Get out of here, baldy!" 24 He turned around, looked at them and called down a curse on them in the name of the Lord. Then two bears came out of the woods and mauled forty-two of the boys. 25 And he went on to Mount Carmel and from there returned to Samaria.

2 Kings 2:9, 13-15, 19-25

- Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
- How does the origin story of Elisha remind you of the stories of Jesus? What's different?
- If you could give Elisha advice right before verse 23, what would you say?
- When have you seen a public figure use his/her power for good? How was it covered by the media? How did the public react?

- **Serve**

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17 and Romans 7:18-19. Write down your origin story in the framework of 2 Kings 2.

Part I: Gift of power from God in your life

Part II: Time when you have used it to heal or help someone.

Part III: Time when you used it to hurt, harm, or degrade someone.

- **End with Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**