

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study

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2 Kings 5:19-27

Theme – Deception and selfishness among God’s people

1. What did Gehazi say to himself?
 - a. Why did Elisha heal Naaman without getting anything in return?
 - b. Couldn’t we have gotten a commitment for the Arameans to quit going to war with us?
 - c. Wasn’t all that Naaman going to give us just stuff that he had stolen from Israel anyway?
 - d. Did we just let the leader of the Aramean army go, cured of leprosy, without even letting him pay us anything?
 - e. My master was too easy on Naaman.

2. Do you ever ask yourself the same questions? Yes _____ No _____ Explain. _____

3. Is there a New Testament character who asked questions like this (see John 12:5)?
Yes _____ No _____ Explain. _____

4. What did Gehazi do after his little conversation?
 - a. He went after Naaman to get something from him.
 - b. He lied about Elisha asking for something.
 - c. He used his connection with Elisha to benefit himself.
 - d. All of the above.

5. What happened when Gehazi went into the presence of Elisha?
 - a. It was difficult, but he pretended like nothing ever happened and went on with his life.
 - b. Elisha asked him where he had been.
 - c. Elisha knew where he had been and what he had done.
 - d. Naaman’s leprosy clung to Gehazi.
 - e. Gehazi left the presence of Elisha.

6. Have you ever done something that you knew wasn’t right and then tried to lie about it in the presence of Godly people? Yes _____ No _____ What happened? _____

7. Did this ever happen in the New Testament (see Acts 5)? Yes _____ No _____ Explain. _____

8. What do you think the worst consequence of Gehazi’s deception was? _____

9. What is the worst consequence of these things in our lives?
 - a. Looking like a fool.
 - b. Getting caught.
 - c. Scorn.
 - d. Being put out of God’s presence (see also Genesis 3).