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Your group matters.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

*If you were a piece of furniture,
what would you be?*

- OR -

*Which superhero sidekick
would you want to have?*

1. Opening this week's message, Pastor Tom said, "Being able to see what's unseen is so important as we navigate a world that thinks truth is a moving target and God is obsolete..." How have you experienced this truth?
2. Review the story of the ax head in [2 Kings 6:1-7](#). Pastor Tom pointed out that "...Elisha engaged others in God's story and makes them participants in God's amazing work." What are the advantages of this strategy, and have you seen this used in your life or in the lives others?
3. "We need to remind ourselves that what we can see is not the only reality that's there." Read [Psalm 34:7](#); [91:11-12](#); [Ephesians 6:10-12](#). How do these verses open your eyes to the unseen spiritual forces at work?
4. Read [2 Kings 6:8-23](#). "Sometimes we have to be put in a place where we have no control and can't see the way forward so we can actually see God and His plan and purpose." Describe a time when you experienced this truth. What was the outcome?
5. As Pastor Tom concluded the message, he challenged us to pray, "Open my eyes and let me see..." Read [1 John 4:4](#) and [Romans 8:31](#). How will you let these verses affect your response the next time you are tempted to only see what's lost or unreachable, or you're feeling threatened by life's circumstances?

Day One: [Psalm 20](#)

Day Two: [Proverbs 20](#)

Day Three: [Joshua 20](#)

Day Four: [Isaiah 20](#)

Day Five: [Acts 20](#)

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Professor Grant Horner's Bible Reading System.*

PERSONAL GUIDE



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Your story matters.



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"WHAT DO YOU SEE?"

Pastor Tom Lundeen

MESSAGE NOTES

Being able to see what's _____ is so important as we navigate a world that thinks truth is a moving target and God is obsolete...

A borrowed ax and a king and his army that had forgotten how God through Elijah had blessed them in the past challenges us in 2022 to ask ourselves, *What do I _____ see?*

1. Something _____

Note [2 Kings 6:1-4](#)

Pandemics, politics, cancel culture, _____, soaring gas prices, etc., cannot stop Jesus from building His Church!

Note [2 Kings 6:5](#)

It was *new technology*...which is always most expensive when it's _____.

Note [Exodus 22:14-15](#)

...this prophet is now responsible for a _____ debt he didn't have the means to repay.

What hope can you have when something valuable is _____, unseen, and unreachable?

Note [2 Kings 6:6a](#)

God _____ in finding anything and anyone that's lost (note [2 Kings 6:6b](#)).

...nothing is impossible with God, nothing is unreachable for God, and nothing is _____ by God (note [2 Kings 6:6c](#)).

...Elisha _____ others in God's story and makes them participants in God's amazing work (note [2 Kings 6:7](#)).

Another important _____ God used to pay a debt none of us could ever repay.

2. Something _____

Note [2 Kings 6:8-15](#)

Elisha and his assistant are _____ and threatened with capture and probable execution.

But Elisha is _____ unconcerned and doesn't even break a sweat (note [2 Kings 6:16](#)).

We need to remind ourselves that what we can see is not the only _____ that's there.

There's a spiritual realm that is behind _____ of only human sight (note [Psalm 34:7](#); [91:11-12](#); [Ephesians 6:10-12](#)).

Note [2 Kings 6:17-18](#)

Sometimes we have to be put in a place where we have no control and can't see the _____ so we can actually see God and His plan and purpose.

Note [2 Kings 6:19-21](#)

This was the Lord's victory.

God was making clear to the Kings of Syria and Israel that neither of them were _____ in charge (note [2 Kings 6:22-23a](#)).

The *God who saves* that Elisha represents shows Himself to be merciful to those who _____ His mercy (note [2 Kings 6:23b](#)).

Perfectly UNEXPECTED:

- In our _____ world that considers truth a moving target and the idea of an Almighty God obsolete, it's more important than ever to ask ourselves, *What do I really see?*
- Do I only see what's _____ and unreachable?
- Do I only see the difficulties and threatening circumstances at a _____ level?
- Or is my prayer, *Open my eyes and let me see?*
- Note [1 John 4:4](#) and [Romans 8:31](#)

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