

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

*What is one thing that made you laugh out loud or shake your head in amazement this past week?*

1. How did the recounting of God's work through people who acknowledged Him, as well as those who did not, encourage you about our own time? ([Daniel 2:21, 4:17](#))
2. What are some ways that you have seen God at work in your life as you look back at your own history, and were you aware of His working in the moment?
3. Many see aging, illness, death, and the grave as the final victors, but as Jesus followers, we have a different perspective. How does Elisha's example in [2 Kings 13:14](#) reassure you that God uses us at all stages of life?
4. In fact, even in death God was not done with Elisha ([2 Kings 13:20-21](#)). As you consider those in your life who have already died, what effect have they had on you or those you know after death?
5. Ultimately, God used an empty grave to showcase His love and grace. ([John 3:16](#), [Ephesians 2:4-5](#)). While He used Elisha's bones to raise a man to life, this grave has no bones since Jesus defeated death and is fully alive! *Take some time to pray for those you have invited, will invite or need to invite to Riverside's Easter services to hear the incredible message of God's redeeming love and plan.*

Day One: [Matthew 22](#)

Day Two: [Genesis 22](#)

Day Three: [1 Corinthians 6](#)

Day Four: [Philemon](#)

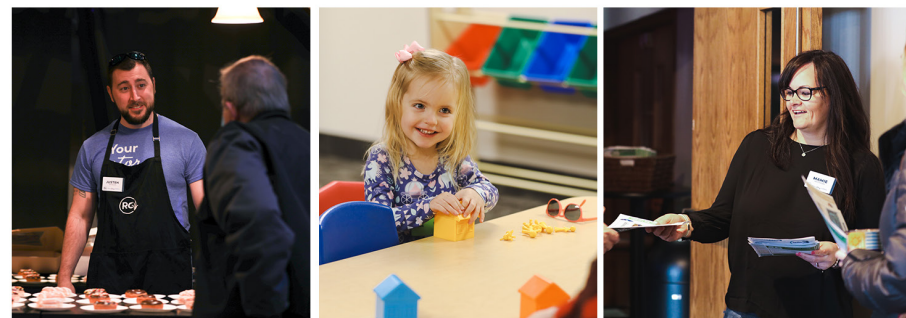
Day Five: [Job 22](#)

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## PERSONAL GUIDE



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## "Death Cannot Stop Him"

Pastor Tom Lundeen

### MESSAGE NOTES

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...we need to constantly remind ourselves that despite the obvious activity of the evil one, and despite the \_\_\_\_\_ human beings make that lead to evil actions and outcomes, God is still at work accomplishing His purposes and fulfilling His \_\_\_\_\_, and that includes not only people and nations that are committed to at least acknowledging the one true and only God, but also people and nations that don't.

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Note [1 Kings 19:15-16](#)

Note [2 Kings 9](#) and [13](#)

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