

DOING MINISTRY TOGETHER



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ice breaker

Use one of the following questions to open up discussion. (If you have first-time guests, be sure to have people tell their names as they answer the icebreaker question.)

- 1 When you were a child who was a person or hero that you admired and wanted to be like? Why?
- 2 If you could have your pick of jobs, whose job would you most like to have five years from now?
- 3 If you could spend a day with anyone in the world, who would you like to spend it with?

Our Mission

The Vineyard Church . . . continuing the work of Jesus.

Upcoming Events

How to Lead a High-Impact Small Group: Note that we are offering this small group leader training as part of Action Weekend this coming Friday and Saturday. Please encourage any potential leaders in your group to attend!

Action Weekend: July 23-24, Friday: 6:45-9:30pm, Saturday: 8:45am-12:30pm. Classes include Learning to Minister Like Jesus, VBI—Biblical Overview, SHAPE, Marriage Coaching, How to Lead a High-Impact Small Group.

Vineyard Backpack Outreach: Saturday, July 31 and Sunday, August 1 during weekend services. Supply lists are available at the Welcome Center.

Holy Spirit Night: Sunday, August 8, 6:00pm. Join us for a refreshing night of extended worship and prayer as we experience the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Suggested Songs

Each week we will suggest several songs for you to use during worship time. Feel free to choose two or three of these songs, or you may choose your own songs. We will include pdf files of the lyrics and chords as an attachment to the Lifeline email.

BLESS HIS NAME (Key: B) Tony Sanchez © 2006 Vineyard Music

MIGHTY TO SAVE (Key: A) ©

HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD (Key: A) Chris Tomlin ©2005 Sixsteps/worship together

SIMPLE TOKEN (Key: E) Jim Wood © 2003 Mercy/Vineyard Publishing

HOLY (Key: D) Brenton Brown © 2001 Vineyard Songs (UK/Eire)

Our Study: Elijah and Elisha

objectives: *As small group members and guests, we will:*

1. Realize the importance of learning from men and women of God who have gone before us.
2. Understand the importance of passing on our wisdom and blessing to younger individuals.
3. Articulate one area of ministry where we want to learn more and pass on what we are learning to others.



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study/prayer time: *Please feel free to adjust this study to fit your group's needs and to the direction of the Holy Spirit. It is not necessary to use all of the questions.*

1. Take time as a group to talk about your friends who need Jesus. Is there a fun summertime activity that you can do as a small group that you could invite some of them to participate in? Pray and plan an end-of-summer event with this question in mind. (Building relationships between those who don't know Jesus and those who do greatly accelerates people's journey to Christ.)
2. Have two volunteers read 2 Kings 2:1-8, 9-15. Ask, what stands out to you in this passage?
3. How does this passage speak to your life right now?
4. Can you think of an area of ministry where you want to see God use you in a more powerful or profound way? Who is someone who has gone ahead of you and could impart wisdom and blessing to you in that area of ministry?
5. Elisha did not automatically receive what he wanted. To receive what he desired required tenacious determination. Why is determination so important in receiving all that God has for us and in moving into the fullness of his purposes for our lives?
6. Can you think of a time in your life where you learned a great deal from someone but doing so required determination and initiative on your part? Share your experience.
7. What is one specific way that you can be more determined in learning from others and growing into God's purposes for you in this season of your life?
8. What is one area of your life where you have experienced God's blessing and have something important to pass on to those who are younger?
9. Who is one person that you see as a possible successor or protégé? What is the next step for you in encouraging and blessing them?
10. What is the most important lesson for you personally from this passage?
11. After a time of worship, take time to minister to those present in the group who are in transition or those at a point of real spiritual hunger. Then move into smaller groups so that each person can receive prayer and ministry.