



# SUIT UP

## Family Devotional/Adult & Teen Discussion Guide

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**1. PRIMARY STATEMENT:** Most Christians understand that God has a plan, a calling, for their life, but often don't know what that really means. As it turns out, everyone is called to be a minister - to point other people to the truth about Jesus - and that calling is a lot less mysterious and complicated than we think.

### 2. BIBLE VERSE:

Ephesians 4:11 [ESV]

*"And (Christ) gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ..."*

The calling to do the work of the ministry isn't exclusive to pastors- it's to all believers, including you!



Q . Before Sunday's message, what sorts of actions or social roles would you associate with being a "minister?" What actions or roles would you associate with it now?

Q . How does viewing your everyday life as a divine calling change the way you feel about your job / societal role?  
How should it change your feelings?

### 3. DISCUSSION:

John 15:15 [NLT]

*"I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me."*

Jesus built his disciple-making process on authentic, loving friendship. That's the model that we should use when we set out to make everyday life our mission field.

Q . Does forging new friendships come easily to you, or is it an effort?

Q . When you look at "being a friend" as an assignment from God, how does it change your willingness to work at it?



Q . How effective do you think you'd be at sharing the good news about Jesus with a total stranger? How about with someone you've been rude or mean to? How about with someone you've spent months or years befriending?



### 4. PRAYER FOCUS

Take a few minutes as a family: thank God for calling you to do meaningful work for Him. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to see the mission in your everyday life.



# DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?

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### 1. POWER VERSE: 2 Kings 6:17 *“Then Elisha prayed, ‘Lord open his eyes and let him see.’”*

#### What’s Up: **“Even When I Cannot See, God’s Right There In Front Of Me!”**

This week, we continue our series called, **“Elisha: God’s Powerful Prophet.”** In this lesson, we learn from a powerful story about Elisha how God opened the eyes of Elisha’s servant to see what was already there: an army of angels ready to do battle and bring the victory! We also learn how to focus on the God we **DON’T** see rather than the problem we **DO** see.

### 2. READ:

**2 Kings 6:8-23** *The king of Aram was at war with Israel. They went at night and surrounded the city. The servant of the man of God got up the next morning. He went out early. He saw that an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. “Oh no, my master!” the servant said. “What can we do?” “Don’t be afraid,” the prophet answered. “Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.” Elisha prayed, “Lord, open my servant’s eyes so that he can see.” Then the Lord opened his eyes. Elisha’s servant looked up and saw the hills. He saw that Elisha was surrounded by horses and chariots made of fire. Aram’s army came down toward Elisha. Then he prayed to the Lord, “Make these soldiers blind.” So the Lord made them blind, just as Elisha had prayed. Elisha told them, “This isn’t the right road. This isn’t the right city. Follow me. I’ll lead you to the man you are looking for.” He led them to Samaria. They entered the city. Then Elisha said, “Lord, open the eyes of these men. Help them see again.” Then the Lord opened their eyes. And there they were, inside Samaria! The king of Israel saw them. So he asked Elisha, “Should I kill them? I need your advice. You are like a father to me. Should I kill them?” “Don’t kill them,” he answered. “Would you kill people you have captured*



*with your own sword or bow? Put some food and water in front of them. Then they can eat and drink. They can go back to their master.” So the king of Israel prepared a great feast for them. After they had finished eating and drinking, he sent them away. So the groups of fighting men from Aram stopped attacking Israel’s territory.*

### 3. DISCUSSION:

**Q.** How did Elisha’s servant respond when he saw the armies of Aram had arrived to kill Elisha?

How did Elisha respond?

**Q.** What did Elisha pray and what happened as a result?

It is easy to get discouraged by what we see or don’t see. We often look in front of us and only see problems, sickness, and defeat. We focus on the problems we **DO** see and rarely focus on the solution we **DON’T** see. When we don’t always physically see how God is working on our behalf, we tend to forget He is always there fighting on our behalf.

**Q.** Are there times in your life when you wonder if God is really there for you?

What should you do when you feel that way?



### 4. PRAYER FOCUS

**Ask your children if they have been struggling with feeling like God is not there. Pray that God will open their eyes to see that He is not only there for them, but He is working to bring the victory for them!**