

# Does my life matter?

**GO FURTHER | OCTOBER 9 | HOW DO I DEAL WITH THE UNEXPECTED?**

**START TALKING | ASK A QUESTION TO GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.**

- WHAT IS A TV SHOW, MOVIE, BOOK, OR HOBBY THAT YOU ARE JUST A LITTLE EMBARRASSED THAT YOU LOVE? (COULD BE SOAP OPERAS, ROMANCE NOVELS, SPECIFIC HORROR MOVIES, ETC.)

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- Read 2 Kings 2:23-25 What words or phrases stand out to you?
- How does Elisha respond to those mocking him?
- What happens? Does it seem like overkill? Is it justified?
- Are you comfortable with God's prophet calling down curses leading to violence?
- Did anything recently happen to Elisha that could have made him respond this way? Review 2 Kings 2:11-14

**START SHARING | CHOOSE A QUESTION TO CREATE OPENNESS.**

- What is your typical response to the unexpected in your life: anger, shut down, excitement, something else?
- Paul the 1st century church planter faced the unexpected frequently, including a shipwreck and home imprisonment.
- Read Philippians 1:12-14. What words or phrases stand out to you?
- Paul wrote this in prison. What do you think is his primary mood as he is writing this book.
- How can we find the same joy in our lives like Paul had writing in prison? How can that help us deal with the unexpected?

**START PRAYING | BE BOLD AND PRAY WITH POWER.**

- Lord Jesus, we give you thanks for walking with us through all of life, the ups and the downs, the sorrows and the joys. May we stay daily connected with you, through prayer, Scripture and Christian friends, so we've got the support and the help when the unexpected comes our way. It is in our resurrected Savior's name we pray, Amen.

**START DOING | COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK.**

- For more on the unexpected, check out this 3-day reading: <https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/30275-elisha-hope-for-your-desperate-moments>