

Series: **One Body**

One Body: Eyes that See

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Scripture: 2 Kings 6:8-23

⁸ Now the king of Aram was at war with Israel. After conferring with his officers, he said, "I will set up my camp in such and such a place." ⁹ The man of God sent word to the king of Israel: "Beware of passing that place, because the Arameans are going down there." ¹⁰ So the king of Israel checked on the place indicated by the man of God. Time and again Elisha warned the king, so that he was on his guard in such places.

¹¹ This enraged the king of Aram. He summoned his officers and demanded of them, "Will you not tell me which of us is on the side of the king of Israel?" ¹² "None of us, my lord the king," said one of his officers, "but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the very words you speak in your bedroom." ¹³ "Go, find out where he is," the king ordered, "so I can send men and capture him." The report came back: "He is in Dothan." ¹⁴ Then he sent horses and chariots and a strong force there. They went by night and surrounded the city. ¹⁵ When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. "Oh, my lord, what shall we do?" the servant asked. ¹⁶ "Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them."

¹⁷ And Elisha prayed, "O LORD, open his eyes so he may see." Then the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. ¹⁸ As the enemy came down toward him, Elisha prayed to the LORD, "Strike these people with blindness." So he struck them with blindness, as Elisha had asked.

¹⁹ Elisha told them, "This is not the road and this is not the city. Follow me, and I will lead you to the man you are looking for." And he led them to Samaria.

²⁰ After they entered the city, Elisha said, "LORD, open the eyes of these men so they can see." Then the LORD opened their eyes and they looked, and there they were, inside Samaria. ²¹ When the king of Israel saw them, he asked Elisha, "Shall I kill them, my father? Shall I kill them?" ²² "Do not kill them," he answered. "Would you kill men you have captured with your own sword or bow? Set food and water before them so that they may eat and drink and then go back to their master." ²³ So he prepared a great feast for them, and after they had finished eating and drinking, he sent them away, and they returned to their master. So the bands from Aram stopped raiding Israel's territory.

Outline

1. When we see what God sees, fear is replaced with confidence
2. When we see what God sees, potential loss turns to certain victory.
3. Disciples who see what God sees testify, "believing is seeing."

Group Session

Opening Questions

What will life look like for you in 2020? (see below for two part question)

What do you know? (Age of kids, etc.)

What do you hope? (your answers)

Discussing the Scripture & Life

1. Les shared a vision for "One Mission 2020." What are your thoughts on hearing this goal?
 - a. Witness 100,000 come to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and help them grow as disciples of Christ.
 - b. Plant or help plant 1,000 new churches in our Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. (100 a year, two a week)
2. Read the passage above. What part of this passage helps give us faith? (see vs. 17)
3. How possible is it to accomplish something that seems impossible? What does Luke 1:37 say about that?
4. What makes it difficult to see what God's big plans are?
5. Life Changing Lesson 1 says, "**When we see what God sees, fear is replaced with confidence.**" How does this work? Have you ever experienced anything like this in your life?
6. Since God has given us more, do you think he expects more of us? Why is it difficult to have high expectations of how God can use us?
7. Read Acts 1:8 as basis for vision:
But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Our vision includes plans in all areas:

Jerusalem	Create more space on our own campus More parking and multi-use building
Judea & Samaria	Multi-Site and Church Planting Campaign
Ends of the Earth	Missions

Which part of this vision creates the most excitement in your heart?

8. God provides vision before He provides resources. We must believe and follow in faith to see the resources. How does God provide? It is by the sacrificial giving of God's people. What does 2 Cor 9:8 say about God's provision to His people?

8. Life Changing Lesson 2 is this: **“When we see what God sees, potential loss turns to certain victory.”**

How do we put ourselves in position to see what God sees?

9. Life Changing Lesson 3 is this: **“People say ‘Seeing is believing.’ Disciples who see what God sees testify, ‘believing is seeing.’ “**

What are your thoughts about this statement?

Closing Challenge

Will you commit to find God’s will for your life and how you can be a part of fulfilling God’s vision for His kingdom? (This will involve praying, giving and going.)