

# FRIENDS

...TOGETHER ON MISSION...

## Week 4: “A friend who is also a mentor”

### **Introduction** (*Read aloud before discussion.*)

As we continue our conversation “Friends”, let’s talk about a friendship that is also a mentoring relationship. We so badly need someone to help guide us through the difficulties of life.

### **Sermon Discussion** (*Use as a guide for dialogue, let God lead, and read the verses aloud.*)

1. What is the most powerful thing that a “friend who is also a mentor” has said to you?
2. Read 1 Kings 19:19-21. It says “Elijah found Elisha” and “Elisha followed Elijah”. Why do you think it is crucial to have someone 20 years younger and someone 20 years older in your life?
3. Read 2 Kings 2:2, 4, & 6. Notice, Elisha clings to his friend who is also a mentor. Why is it difficult to cling to a friend who is also a mentor?
4. In what area of your life would you say that you could really use a mentor - someone that has traveled that terrain already?
5. Read 2 Kings 2:7-8. Elijah is showing his friend whom he is also mentoring how to make water part! What do you know how to do, what situation or relationship or ground have you covered? Who could you mentor in that area?
6. Read 2 Kings 2:9-10. Elisha asks a difficult thing. Why is it difficult to ask for advice? Why is it difficult to ask a mentor to help? Why don’t we all do this in every area?
7. Read 2 Kings 2:13-14. Putting the advice in the practice is really where life change happens. What has a mentor spoken into your life that you are being called to put into action?

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**Ministry Time** (*Invite the Spirit of God to come. Say, “Come Holy Spirit.”*)

Holy spirit, we ask for mentors. We ask for the humility and the vulnerability to ask people to help us in life. We ask for the boldness to put into action the wisdom that mentors sow into our lives.

**Spiritual Formation** (*This is a weekly practice as we seek to be with and like Jesus.*)

Sometimes our view of spiritual formation is too narrow. Usually we only think about things between us and God. Actually, spiritual formation is much more relational than that. This week, reach out to someone about 20 years older and ask their advice about something that you would like a little bit of help with.

**Daily Reading** (*Tune into the daily “Together On Mission” podcast, and let’s start every day with Jesus.*)

**MON**

2 Kings 2 | Psalm 80

**TUES**

Exodus 18 | Psalm 81

**WED**

Matthew 7 | Psalm 82

**THUR**

Romans 12 | Psalm 83

**FRI**

2 Timothy 4 | Psalm 84

**SAT**

*Catch up on daily reading or choose a passage, any passage and enjoy*

**Tune in next week for “Friends” - Week 5: When we are weak our friend is strong**