

Famine and Feast

Central idea: We who have life-saving news must share it with others.

2 Kings 6:24-25a; 7:3-11

Look up.

Read the passage thoughtfully.

What did you like about the passage?

What did you find difficult about the passage?

What does this passage teach about people?

What does this passage teach about God?

Alternative questions to help you think through this passage:

- What are some of your thoughts and feelings as you consider the horrific famine within the besieged capital city of Samaria (see 2 Kings 6:25-29)?
- What does Leviticus 26:25-29 give as the underlying cause for the nation's devastation?
- How would you describe King Joram's response to the crisis (see verses 30-31)?
- Have you ever seen God reverse--unexpectedly or dramatically--the circumstances in your life? How so?
- If four men with leprosy are used by God to bring news of deliverance to the people, what does that suggest about the kinds of people God uses (see 1 Corinthians 1:27-29)?
- One theme in this section is the trustworthiness of God's prophetic word. Where are you with regard to God's word:
 1. Still depending on my own reason and thoughts.
 2. Leaning in the direction of God's authority, but not risking too much.
 3. Placing my full weight on it, and letting it control my actions.
- Who in your life needs to hear the good news of Jesus Christ?

Look forward.

- Before leaving pray for the person in the final question above to hear the gospel--and for your courage and an opening to share the message.