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1.	All Great	Leaders s	start as	students	(1	Kinas	19:19-21	)
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2. All Great Leaders experience seasons of doubt (2 Kings 2:1-14)

3. The Greatest Leaders look to God (2 Kings 5:20)



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- 1. Who has been a mentor/teacher to you? What do you think would be different in your life if your mentor/teacher had not there to encourage and challenge you?
- 2. Why do you think the teacher-student relationship is so powerful in people's lives?
- When Elisha first chose Elijah as his student/apprentice, he was plowing fields with 12 teams of oxen and he was the last. This tells us that Elisha came from a wealthy family.
  - a. How does his response to Elijah compare with the Rich Young Man in Matthew 19:16-22?
  - b. What does burning the wooden yokes and using the oxen for a feast indicate about Elisha's view of his old life and his new life?
  - c. What definitive act have you done to mark your new life as a follower of Jesus?
- 4. Elisha asked for a "double portion" of Elijah's spirit (2 Kings 2:9) and he went on to do even more than his teacher. When you think of the ways others have mentored you, what would a "double portion" look like in your life? Have you sought to excel in the areas of your giftedness? Explain.
- 5. The Bible says that Elijah was taken from Elisha as they were walking along together.
  - a. How do you think Elisha felt when this happened (read 2 Kings 2:10,11)?
  - b. How do you think the promise of v. 10 helps us understand v.11?
  - c. What are some of the positive and negative feelings we can have when a trusted teacher/mentor leaves us?
- 6. Everyone doubts, even prophets and kings. God meets us in our doubt and leads us to himself.
  - a. What are some ways you have doubted your calling or ability or even your circumstances?
  - b. How have you experienced God in those moments? What has helped you come to terms with doubt and, perhaps, overcome it?
- 7. How did Elisha look to God when he lost his teacher and friend, Elijah? After reading 2 Kings 2-13, what miracle is most meaningful to you.
- 8. Share something about the message that God used to challenge you or move you in some way.