

A Discussion Guide for *The Elisha Code & the Coming Revival*

Introduction

1. Why do the authors believe revival is possible in our time?
2. What needs to be restored or awakened for revival or revivals to occur?

Chapter 1

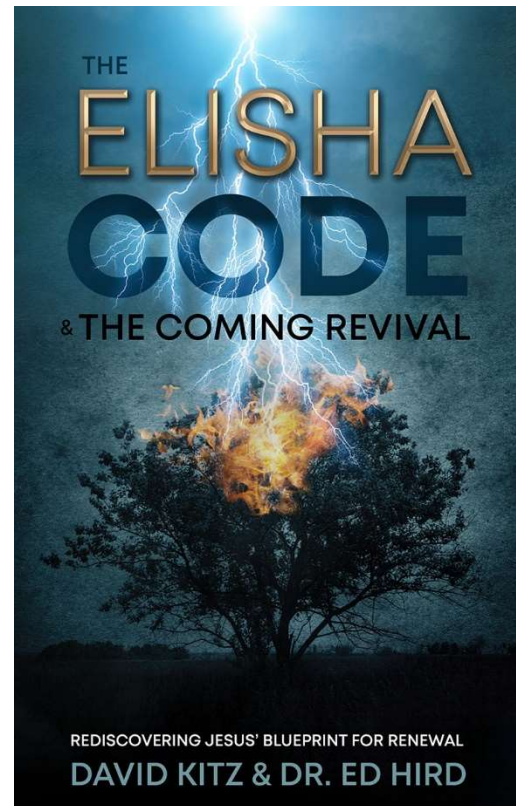
1. What are some practical ways we can more deeply engage in **all** of God's Word?
2. Describe how the Old Testament Scriptures have opened your eyes to seeing Jesus more clearly?
3. Has God's Word come alive in your life? What was the Scripture and how did it change you? Describe a time when the Scriptures have "burned" within you? What happened?
4. What can we do to ensure we handle and understand the Bible correctly?
5. How can we "strike a match" and have our hearts catch fire for God's Word?

Chapter 2

1. Why does Elijah's name appear so frequently in the gospels?
2. In what ways were Elijah and John the Baptist's ministries similar? How were they different?
3. John the Baptist introduced a disruptive theology? How was it disruptive?
4. In what ways did John's disruptive theology prepare the way for Jesus?

Chapter 3

1. There were different miracles shared in this chapter that Elisha performed, and Jesus not only replicated but elevated. Which one resonates most with you? Why?
2. In this chapter, what do the miracles of Elisha and Jesus tell you about God's character?
3. How can we get a more accurate picture of Jesus in the Scriptures?



Chapter 4

1. How can we overcome the spiritual blindness that afflicts us all to varying degrees? See 2 Corinthians 4:4.
2. Why is the role of the prophet so vital for the church today? Why has this gift of Christ to the been neglected or fallen into disrepute?
3. Why is repentance so vital if we want to develop spiritual insight?

Chapter 5

1. What are some effective ways that authors you have read have pointed you to God's Word through their writing?
2. a) What are some of the technologies you utilize to help you take in the Word and enable you to share Christ with the world?
 - b) Do you think we are using technologies well for sharing Christ? Why/Why not?
 - c) What other methods do you think would help share our faith?
3. Who is the author (or authors) that have impacted and possibly deepened your faith? How has she/he made a difference in your walk?
4. What are some books you have read that have positively affected your walk with Christ?

Chapter 6

1. Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" (See Matthew 16:13-15.) After reading the list of parallel miracles found on pages 42-43, which of the Old Testament prophets do you feel Jesus most resembles? Why?
2. Which of Elisha's miracles do find most amazing? Most Christ-like?
3. What was the hallmark of Elisha's ministry? According to the author's, how did Matthew signal a double miracle-working anointing rested on Jesus?
4. In death Jesus brought forth life. How was this life principle portrayed both by Christ and Elisha? How can a death spark a revival?

Chapter 7

1. The authors ask an important question in chapter 7, "*What will it take to turn this nation and the world to faith in Jesus Christ?*" What are your own thoughts on this?
2. What are your own personal thoughts/beliefs on healing today?

3. Do you think healing is still happening today? Why/Why not?

Chapter 8

1. According to Paul, Peter, and James, humility is a crucial component in our faith walk. Why is it so essential—such a foundational character quality?

2. According to the authors, why did Jesus identify himself as being least in the kingdom of God?

3. Humility is a prerequisite to serving others. Why is humble service crucial in reaching the world with the gospel?

Chapter 9

1. The chapter begins with some tough questions: *Are you putting Jesus' teaching on being least into practice in your daily life? Are you becoming the servant of all? Do you see yourself as last or do you put yourself and your concerns first above all others?* How are you doing in each of these areas? Share your thoughts on success you have experienced and areas you require more growth in.

2. When was a time you had to depend on God's faithfulness in your life?

3. On page 68 we read, *"Are we willing to be radically dependent on God?"* What do you think this looks like in our own life?

4. Andrew Murray wrote, *"A lack of humility is the explanation of every defect and failure."* What are your personal thoughts on this quote?

Chapter 10

1. The authors contend that Elijah and Elisha were appointed and anointed to bring about regime change. What do they mean by that?

2. What government is most important and affects us directly? See the two last paragraphs on page 76/77. Who must be in charge?

3. Do you think Ahab's repentance was genuine (top of page 79)? What are the marks of true repentance? Was there a regime change in Ahab's life?

4. In what ways did Elijah fail in his mission? What character flaws were exposed?

5. In what ways does pride undermine the spirit of revival (page 82)?

6. God uses men and women of different temperament and ministry style. Why?

7. Are you one of God's unsung, unnamed nobodies? Can you recall an occasion when God used you?

Chapter 11

1. Have you ever had a "loss of hope" but then God met you where you were at? Describe what happened.

2. Describe a time when you heard the "still small voice of God"? What was the situation and how did God speak into your heart?

3. On page 92 is the quote, "*All of us need healing in areas where the image of God has been broken inside us.*" Share your personal thoughts on this statement. Do you agree? Disagree? Why?

4. The authors talk about boys and men refusing to assume the mantle of leadership in our society. What are your thoughts on this? How can the Word of God point us to becoming effective leaders?

5. Are you someone who is prone to hiding? Share how this looks in your life.

Chapter 12

1. How did God uniquely prepare and equip William Wilberforce for the task assigned to him? Does God have any special assignments for you?

2. Corrie ten Boom's family saved the lives of many Jews, but they paid a high price for their courageous actions. Do you think you could do the same? Why or why not?

3. Both ten Boom and Wilberforce worked and reached across racial and religious barriers. What motivated them? How can you and I do the same in our society?

Chapter 13

1. On page 104 there is a great question posed by the authors, "Do we need to be broken to become effective ministers of the gospel of Christ?" What are your thoughts?

2. In this chapter the authors portray Jacob, David and Peter being broken by the Lord. What are your feelings about the quote, "*As disciples of our Lord Jesus, we can expect to be broken as well,*" found at the bottom of page 108?

3. On the last page of the chapter are the following questions:

a) "*Have you ever been confronted by Jesus? Has He opposed you at any point in your life? Have you ever been broken by Him?*" Share any personal experiences you are comfortable sharing.

b) Are you ready to be broken and poured out at the feet of Jesus? Share your thoughts.

Chapter 14

1. From your observations has the church become more politically engaged and less gospel focused? Why or why not?
2. According to the authors, why did Jesus repeatedly turn his back on establishing an earthly political kingdom (page 115)?
3. Why did Jesus resist the temptation to call on the angels to deliver him from the suffering of the cross (page 122)?
4. How will we disarm Satan and lay waste to his kingdom (bottom of page 123/124)? Have you experienced victories through surrender?

Chapter 15

1. Do you believe that there are still modern-day prophets, or did that cease when the Bible was completed?
2. At the bottom of page 127 is the challenging quote, "... *the Russian Christians suffered so deeply under communism, they developed more spiritually. In contrast, the West had worshipped material success, but often ignored its spiritual development.*" What are your feelings about this quote?
3. How can we begin to better embrace the cross in our own daily lives?
4. "*Spiritual wealth is measured on the scales of eternity by our adherence to God's truth and God's will.*" (p. 128). How do you feel you are doing in this area? What changes do you think need to be made in your own life as it relates to adhering to God's truth and His will?

Chapter 16

1. How did the disciples prepare a runway for the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost? Do we have a part to play in bringing revival or should we simply wait for God to act?
2. What is similar about the spiritual condition we find ourselves in now when compared with the late 1960s and early '70s? What is different?
3. Why in your opinion is revival often initiated by the young?

Chapter 17

1. Is there fire in your bones and heart as it relates to wanting to make a difference in God's world? Do you need the flames fanned and your zest for living for God back?

2. What chapter are you currently writing in the book of your life? Are you stuck in any way?
3. Are you growing in becoming a more positive and thankful person? If so, how are you doing it? If not, what do you think needs to change?
4. Think of someone in your own life that you can invest in that can be your Elisha? Who is it? Why did you pick that person(s)?
5. Are you growing older gracefully? Are you still growing in creativity? If so, what are you doing? If not, what do you think needs to change?

Chapter 18

1. What do you see as the greatest obstacle to the you and I living and experiencing the promise of John 14:12.
2. What is the scriptural basis for an exponential increase in miracle-working power?
3. Why is seeking God so central to any revival?

Conclusion

1. On page 150-151 the authors give us some key takeaways from studying these biblical dynamic duos, revivalists, and key figures in church history. Highlight points that resonate with you and share why these have made an impact on you.
2. Is your faith loud enough to be heard by others? Is it being heard by God? What are some practical and positive ways of doing this?