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THE OLD TESTAMENT

Leader Conversation Guide – 2 Kings

Main Idea

Sometimes, the people who seem farthest from God are just one step of obedience away from discovering who He truly is. In 2 Kings 5, we meet Naaman, a powerful military leader who had everything, yet was powerless to heal himself of leprosy. Through the unlikely faith and boldness of a young servant girl, Naaman is pointed toward a prophet in Israel and ultimately toward the living God. His story is one of humility, healing, and revelation. A reminder that God uses unexpected people and unassuming steps to display His power and mercy.

As we begin today's conversation, reflect on how God might be using you to put Him on display. Whether it's through loving difficult people, walking by faith, or responding in simple obedience, our lives can reveal the reality of the one true God to a watching world.

**“Now I know that there is no God
in all the world except in Israel.”**
2 KINGS 5:15

Make It Practical

We put God on display when we love those who don't love us.

- Like the servant girl in 2 Kings 5:2–3 and Jesus' teaching in Matthew 5:43–47, we are called to love even our enemies and extend grace to those who may not deserve it.

We put God on display when we walk by faith, not by sight.

- Naaman had to move past his pride and expectations to follow a simple, faith-filled instruction (2 Kings 5:10–12; Luke 4:27). Faith often requires trust when God's ways don't make sense.

We put God on display when we respond to God in obedience.

- Naaman's healing came when he obeyed God's word through the prophet Elisha (2 Kings 5:13–15). Obedience—even when it's hard or humbling—reveals God's power and draws others to Him.

Talk About It

1. Naaman's healing began with a bold suggestion from a young servant girl (2 Kings 5:2-3).

- Who in your life might be open to God if someone simply pointed them in the right direction? What keeps us from speaking up like she did?

2. Naaman was initially angry because God's instructions didn't match his expectations (2 Kings 5:11-12).

- Can you share a time when God asked you to obey in a way that felt small, inconvenient, or humbling? What did you learn through that experience?

3. After being healed, Naaman declares, "Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel" (2 Kings 5:15).

- How can our obedience, love, and faith put God on display in a way that helps others come to know Him personally?

We put God on display when we love those who don't love us, walk by faith, and respond to God in obedience.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for reminding us through Naaman's story that You are a God who heals, speaks, and reveals Yourself to those who seek You. Help us to walk in humble obedience, to love those who may be hard to love, and to live in a way that puts You on display. May our lives reflect Your grace and truth, and may others come to know You through the steps of faith we take. Go with us this week and guide our hearts in every moment. In Jesus' name, amen.

Next Steps

1. Choose to love someone difficult this week.

Identify a person in your life who is hard to love or has hurt you, and look for a tangible way to show them Christlike kindness or forgiveness.

2. Take a step of faith where God is prompting you.

Whether it's starting a conversation, making a decision, or trusting God in an area of uncertainty, act on what He's been stirring in your heart—even if it doesn't make sense.

3. Obey God in the small things.

Like Naaman being asked to wash in the Jordan, commit to saying "yes" to God in everyday moments—reading His Word, serving someone in need, or responding to conviction quickly.