

Sermon for December 30/31, 2023



SMALL GROUPS

Share Life | Pursue God | Invest In Others

THREE THINGS TO KNOW

DON'T MISS THIS. We have many **EVENTS** and **GROUPS** happening throughout January in various ministries. These events provide a great opportunity to invite a friend to join you for a time of encouragement as you enter the new year. Learn more about these opportunities and sign up at adabible.org/signup/.

GROUP VALUES. This January, we are focusing on the group value of **RELATIONAL INVESTMENTS**. This is all about developing a heart for those in our lives who don't know Jesus. Talk with your group about praying intentionally for opportunities to share the good news of Jesus with people. Consider asking each group member to share the name of someone they want to see come to know Jesus. Then, regularly pray for those people and an opportunity to share with them.

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SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Welcome to the first week of our series **RESOLVE**. This week, we look at Elisha's decision and determination to follow God's call on his life.

What are you looking forward to this year?

THIS WEEK'S TEXT

Have someone read [1 Kings 19:19-21](#) aloud.

What surprises you in this passage?

What is the significance of Elijah throwing his cloak around Elisha?

What does the burning of Elisha's plows and oxen symbolize?

THIS WEEK'S SERMON

Pastor Aaron Buer taught about Elisha's resolve to follow God's call on his life. As a group, recall some of the sermon's big ideas or main points.

Which part of the sermon encouraged or challenged you the most, and why?

What does it look like for people today to "leave the plows" and follow Jesus?

Has there ever been a time when God called you to leave something behind to follow him? If you are comfortable, share that experience with the group.

In what areas of life are you most at risk to go back to an old way of living?

What role has a spiritual community played in helping you grow in your faith and hold you accountable?

Discuss ways your group can lean into each other more in the coming year to grow and be accountable.

What is one step you sense God calling you into to pursue deeper trust in him and obedience in 2024?

Is there anything else from the sermon you would like to discuss?

WRAP UP

Today, we discussed what it looks like to resolve to follow God, leave behind our old lives and live in community with other believers. Based on our discussion, what is one thing you want to do differently in your life?

TOP TWO

What does it look like for people today to "leave the plows" and follow Jesus?

Discuss ways your group can lean into each other more to help each other grow and be accountable to each other in the coming year.