

STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS – WEEK 19

- 1. In your opinion, what is symbolic about Elijah's ascension to heaven in 2 Kings 2? Why is he taken in such a way? What legacy does he leave?**
- 2. Who is Elisha? How did he carry on the work of his mentor? How do you interpret the account of Elisha's death and burial in 2 Kings 13:20-21? What does it mean? How would you explain it to others?**
- 3. Imagine that you were asked to preach a sermon on the story of Naaman in 2 Kings 5. What themes might you consider preaching on? Why? What message do you hear God speaking through this story?**
- 4. What happens to Israel in 2 Kings 17? Why? What is happening socially and politically in Judah during that same time? Why?**
- 5. How does the Emmaus story in Luke 24 influence our understanding of the sacrament of Communion?**
- 6. How does the opening of the Gospel of John differ from that of Matthew, Mark, and Luke? What is the "Word" that the author of John describes in Chapter 1? How do you envision the "Word" in your own mind?**
- 7. Who is Nicodemus? What do we learn from his encounter and conversation with Jesus in John 3? Think of a story that would help you better illuminate the meaning of John 3:16 for a modern audience. What story would you use? Why?**
- 8. The story of Jesus cleansing the Temple is told in all four Gospels. Why is this story told at the beginning of the Gospel of John when it is told towards the end of the other three Gospels?**