



LESSON 1 // IT STARTS WITH THE HEART

Big Idea: God helps people supernaturally. Just as He did in Bible times, the Lord works miraculously today in our lives!

In 2 Kings 2:19-22 we see that Jericho was “well situated” (v. 19), but had contaminated water, so God miraculously “healed” the city’s spring and made the water pure. He wants to do this in your heart as well. You are “well situated” in Christ with divine resources: God’s Spirit, His Word, His grace, and the opportunity to be His agent for redemption and transformation in the world. However, contamination on the inside can hinder God’s work in and through you. Thankfully the Lord will heal your heart as you admit your need for His miraculous work in you, accept the new solution God has for you and expect a thorough and complete decontamination from Him.

2 Kings 2:19-22 (NIV) *The people of the city said to Elisha, “Look, our lord, this town is well situated, as you can see, but the water is bad and the land is unproductive.”²⁰ “Bring me a new bowl,” he said, “and put salt in it.” So they brought it to him.²¹ Then he went out to the spring and threw the salt into it, saying, “This is what the Lord says: ‘I have healed this water. Never again will it cause death or make the land unproductive.’”²² And the water has remained pure to this day, according to the word Elisha had spoken.*

Start Talking:

- What is something about the culture you grew up in that might be surprising to others?

Start Thinking:

- **Read 2 Peter 1:2-3.** Peter wrote this letter during tenuous challenging times for Christians in that culture. With all that is taking place currently in our world, what resources do we need from God to honor Him and help others during this time?
- One of the resources that Pastor Dale listed this weekend was **prayer**. How can you make a point to regularly pray for justice, compassion, restoration, unity, and many other needs that only God can help us meet?
- **Read Romans 12:21.** This verse can be challenging to live out during challenging times. Do you think this is difficult? Why?
- The last point of the weekend message was “God specializes in solutions.” **Read Hebrews 13:8.** Only God can bring about a supernatural change in the heart of people. However, there is a great opportunity for us to do good in our present day. What good could you do this week, to help push back against racism and injustice?

Start Praying:

Take a few moments to allow people to share what they (or loved ones) may be struggling with during this time. Together pray for those needs as well as the hurt and pain that so many are experiencing during this time. Pray that God would empower His Church to lead and to be a model to our culture of how we are to love and care for others.

Start Doing:

- Attend church online this coming weekend - <https://church-redeemer.churchonline.org>. If possible host a watch party over Facebook and be part of service with your group.