

Think It Over: This section is about turning what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take your own next step. If you are leading a group through this guide, don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick out those questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group.

- Consider how bad things sometimes happen to good people. Recall the beginning of 2 Kings 5. Look up in a study guide the kingdom of Syria and their reputation with Israel.
- Is there something that you think is a minor detail but it gets you worked up? Is it someone else? Read the story of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:25.
- Read the account of Jesus and his interactions with the Pharisees in Matthew 12. Does this reflect big picture ministry?
- Read the first chapter of Daniel. Daniel's story talks about his name change and his interactions with eating the king's food. Wouldn't a name change be bigger than eating food? Why is Daniel concerned with one and not the other?

Next Steps: We all know how this past year has distracted us from the big picture. What distractions do you need to stop now to get back to big picture ministry?

Changing Your Mind: Choose one of the verses listed in the Message Guide and commit it to heart.



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The Details Don't Matter

2 Kings 5:1-19



Always keep the big picture in mind-
you are greatly loved by Jesus and
your job is to love Him and others in
return. The rest is detail.

— Bear Grylls —

2 Kings 5:1-19

- The Bible emphasizes different parts at different times.

*I call out to the Lord,
and he answers me from his holy mountain.*

Psalms 3:4 NIV

*O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,
and by night, but I have no rest.*

Psalms 22:2 ESV

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door...

Revelation 3:20a ESV

You did not choose me, but I chose you...

John 15:16a ESV

- ➔ Bad things can happen for big picture ministry.

Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife.

2 Kings 5:2 ESV

- ➔ Big picture ministry is often "boring."

But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper.

2 Kings 5:11 ESV

- ➔ Big picture ministry is often "countercultural."

Are not Abana^[c] and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage.

2 Kings 5:12 ESV

- ➔ Big picture ministry is God bringing people to Him.

Then Naaman said, "If not, please let there be given to your servant two mule loads of earth, for from now on your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the LORD. In this matter may the LORD pardon your servant: when my master goes into the house of Rimmon to worship there, leaning on my arm, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, when I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, the LORD pardon your servant in this matter." He said to him, "Go in peace."

2 Kings 5:17-19 ESV

- ➔ God wants your heart; the details don't matter.

He said to him, "Go in peace."

2 Kings 5:19 ESV

Bottom Line:

When you surrender to the cross,
the details don't matter.

"Go in Peace."