



OPENING NEW DOORS

12 weeks of prayer

WEEK 1

open eyes to see



INTRODUCTION

We begin our season of prayer asking the Holy Spirit to open eyes to see. What do we need to see? The immense glory, power and love of God. The size of his army that surrounds the dark forces that come against us. The wisdom and courage we need for the walk of faith.

2 KINGS 6:16-17

"Don't be afraid!" Elisha told him. "For there are more on our side than on theirs!" Then Elisha prayed, "O Lord, open his eyes and let him see!" The Lord opened the young man's eyes, and when he looked up, he saw that the hillside around Elisha was filled with horses and chariots of fire.

pray

Take a moment to meditate on this week's theme. Ask the Holy Spirit to open your eyes to see God's heart for you, your household, the church and our community. Worship the Lord, and pray however he leads you. Use the notes below as a guide.

- Lord open our eyes to see your majesty, love and your powerful army
- Please open the eyes of those I love to see you and believe in Jesus
- Use our 12 weeks of prayer to give us fresh revelation
- May you open eyes in our suburbs to see Jesus and his Kingdom represented on the hill at 131 Upper Kedron Road, and witnessed to by his church
- Give us wisdom Lord to know what to do, and the courage to walk by faith

journal

We would love people to journal during the 12 weeks of prayer. You might like to print out each week's prayer page for this, use your own paper journal, or an electronic option.

This is a season to listen to God personally and as a church. If you receive something from the Lord for The Grove, please pass it onto a pastor or church council member.

How do I journal?

There is no one way, but here are a couple of ideas.

- Simply write down scriptures and thoughts you sense are coming from God. Then write out a prayer that might include thanksgiving, confession and prayer requests.
- Use the SOAP method. Scripture (bible reference/summary), Observation (one thing that stood out), Application (how it applies/action steps), Prayer (commit it to God).
- Some people journal daily (you use SOAP every day). Others only when they sense God speaking clearly. You might like to pause each Saturday to reflect on the week.

for kids and families

Each week we will include a segment for kids and families. When the Israelites were about to cross over into the promised land, Moses taught the parents to impress what they learned on their children. It was so important the next generation knew the God stories, and lessons he taught them in the wilderness, before entering their homeland.

game

Play a round of eye spy

Eye spy with my little eye something beginning with ?

read

2 Kings 6:14-17

chat

Elisha's servant was shaking in his boots when he saw their town surrounded. The Aramean army was everywhere - soldiers, horses and chariots as far as the eye could see. So he cried out, what will we do now?!

Q1. Can you think of a time when you have felt surrounded or in a tight spot? When you have said, what will we do now? Talk about it. How did it feel?

Elisha prayed that God would open the servant's eyes. Suddenly he could see another army surrounding the enemy army. It was God's angel army, on flaming chariots! Whoah! Imagine the sight. The servant wasn't afraid anymore.

Q2. What made the difference between the servant seeing the enemy army and the angel army? Elisha's prayer to open his eyes. Talk about how prayer helps us see God as bigger than our problems.

pray

Talk about something that makes each person feel afraid at the moment. Something that feels like it surrounds them. Then pray for each person to see how big God is and how he is fighting for them.



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