

Sermon Discussion Guide

September 11, 2022

A Blinding Light

2 Kings 6:8-23

Responses & Reactions

- What disturbed you, challenged you, or intrigued you in this week's message?

Digging Deeper

- *Read Matthew 5:38-48.* How do you think these words interact with the story in 2 Kings 6? What lessons do you imagine Jesus taking from that 2 Kings story, which he would have known well?
- *Read Isaiah 31:1-9.* Why is God concerned about the alliance Israel is forming with Egypt? What is the problem with such an alliance?

Bringing it Home

- How do you see Israel's main strategies for dealing with vulnerability—doing battle or forming alliances—playing out in the world today? How have you seen these natural instincts play out in your own life?
- Where are you feeling vulnerable or under threat? What would it look like for you to call on God's "dazzling brightness" in this situation? What might you do if you were practicing the alternative imagination of Elisha and Jesus?