

Great Things He Has Done

Session 6 - An Enemy Attack Thwarted

Talkback with Pastor Jim

- 1) II Kings 6:8-23 artfully contrasts images of *blindness* vs. *sight*. Who in this scene has excellent vision? Who in this scene has difficulty seeing with clarity? When Elisha prays, “O Lord, please open his eyes that he may see” (v. 17a), whom is he praying for...really?

Go Deeper

- 2) Jewish wisdom literature teaches that undeserved kindness can sometimes awaken remorse in adversaries and lead to peace (Proverbs 25:21-22). Have you ever experienced this personally? In New Testament times, Romans 12:18-21 expands this philosophy. Notice the imagery of *the meal* in each context. What does this suggest about the power and the potential (the *grace* available) in the Church’s great feast of bread and cup?

Great Things in the Church

- 3) Review John 13:12-35 for another biblical scene where “...*thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies.*” (Psalm 23:5a KJV) Peace-making is not always immediate. In what ways is peace-making in this first century Upper Room limited? In what ways is it successful?

Get Me a Musician

- 4) Read or sing through hymn #620 (“One Bread, One Body”) in the United Methodist Hymnal. How does this hymn amplify the theme of today’s lesson? Which particular lines or phrases speak to you?
“While the musician was playing, the power of the Lord came on him” (II Kings 3:15b)