

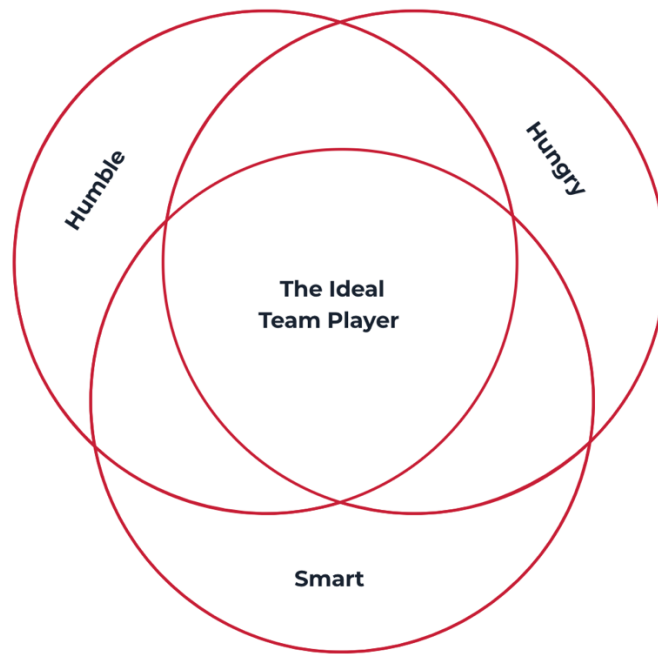


## Life Group Discussion Guide

**October 31 – 1 Kg. 19:19-21; 2 Kgs. 2:1-12 – The Call of Elisha**

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What's one thing that stood out to you from the sermon?
2. When in your life have you ever experienced this truth: "leadership is temporary."
3. Have you ever been removed from a leadership position? Why?
4. Have you ever witnessed a good leadership transition? What made it good?
5. Have you ever witnessed a bad leadership transition? What made it bad?
6. Do you think most Christians truly understand the cost of discipleship? Why or why not? What are some hard things about following Christ that Christians are not always up front about?
7. What about your life with God is worth reproducing in other Christians? (i.e., is there an area in your walk with God in which, if everyone modeled their lives after you, we'd have a healthier church)? To what degree are you a DWR? (A disciple worth reproducing)?
8. Think about mentors or bosses or leaders you've had. The best ones were probably the ones who created space for others to lead. In what areas is it easy for you to share leadership and empower others? In what areas is it difficult for you?
9. In what areas of your life are you currently leading other people?
10. Luke shared this graphic from *The Ideal Team Player* by Patrick Lencioni. Review this and look at some of these descriptions:



- **HUMBLE**

Ideal team players are humble. They lack excessive ego or concerns about status. They are quick to point out the contributions of others and slow to seek recognition for their own. They share credit, emphasize team over self, and define success collectively rather than individually.

- **HUNGRY**

Ideal team players are hungry. They are always looking for more—more things to do, more to learn, more responsibility. Hungry people rarely have to be pushed by a manager to work harder because they are self-motivated and diligent. They are constantly thinking about the next step and the next opportunity.

- **SMART**

Ideal team players are smart. They are emotionally intelligent and have common sense about people. They tend to know what is happening in a group situation and how to effectively deal with others. They have good judgment and intuition around the subtleties of group dynamics and the impact of their words and actions.

11. Which of these comes naturally to you? Which is an area of growth?
12. Which of these qualities do you see as most important? Least important? Which ones can be grown/developed? Which ones are innate?
13. Is there anyone in your life that God is calling you to be more intentional about helping them grow in their faith?
14. Elijah brought Elisha to the Jordan River and parted the river with his cloak as a symbolic gesture. Have you ever had someone do something symbolic for you at an important moment in your life that you never forgot?
15. Are there any key moments in your life that your parents or bosses or leaders or anyone investing in you 'got right'? Namely, they engaged intentionally in a way that shaped you.
16. What does it mean to "finish well" in the current leadership roles that God has placed you?