

# SESSION 8: THE JOURNEY ON

‘When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. “Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?” the servant asked. “Don’t be afraid,” the prophet answered. “Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.” And Elisha prayed, “Open his eyes, LORD, so that he may see.” Then the LORD opened the servant’s eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.’ 2 Kings 6:15-17

**Key Questions:** How has our journey through the 6Ms helped us to see our frontlines, ourselves and God differently?

How can we ensure that what we have learned has an ongoing impact upon our lives?

**Aims:** To share personal reflections from the past seven sessions and leave feeling affirmed and confident.

To make some specific decisions that will help us to continue living with a 6M perspective.

**Materials:** Bibles, pens and something to write on.

## Thinking Back (5 mins)

In the last session we looked at being a messenger of the gospel.

Is there anything that you discussed in the last session that has been helpful to you over the past week?

Perhaps you could pray for the people on your frontline again at the end of this session.



## **PLAY FILM** (12 mins)

### **Questions to Discuss after the Film** (10 mins)

- In the film, Claire was fruitful in a range of ways over the years, through both thick and thin. How does this help you to think about being fruitful on your own frontline?
- Claire worked in her role at the surgery for 12 and a half years before seeing any visible changes in her colleagues' relationships with Jesus. How does her story encourage you?

### **Questions for Personal Reflection** (20 mins)

In the film we saw how the head teacher's way of viewing her frontline was totally re-framed. Rather than complaining or feeling sorry for herself, Judith found herself thanking God for trusting her with all of the challenges the day had sent her way.

Using the questions below, take a few minutes in quiet by yourself to reflect on the different ways God might have been changing the way you see things. You might find it helpful to write down your thoughts.

- How do I see my frontline and the people there differently?
- How do I see myself differently?
- How do I see God differently?

Now go around the room, allowing each person to share what they feel has been the one most significant change in the way they see things.

- Are there any common themes to what people in the group have been learning?

Once everybody has shared, ask one person to pray a prayer of thanks to God for all that he has been teaching the group.





## Group Discussion (15 mins)

In discussing the questions below, try to arrive at some specific decisions that you want to take as a group and as individuals. Write down any points that need to be implemented. Here are some possible things to consider and add to:

- Frontline-focused prayer each week
- Share some of your own stories in the Sunday service
- Invite your church leader to visit your frontline
- Keep a 6M journal

What to consider:

- How might we ensure that as a group (whatever materials we use next) we maintain a frontline focus?
- What individual disciplines might help me personally to continue to reflect on my 6M ministry?

## Praying Forwards (15 mins - as a group)

Briefly share any particular situations that God has put on your heart and take some time praying into these.

- Ask that, like Elisha prayed, you would have vision to see that you do not go out onto your frontlines alone.
- Ask for God's help as you seek to serve him on your frontline and for courage to take action when prompted.
- Ask that God would help you to remember what you have learnt and help you to find ways of sustaining a frontline focus as an individual, a group, and a wider church.

**Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,  
baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything  
I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always,  
to the very end of the age.**

Matthew 28:18-20

