



## Small Group Curriculum

# Topic: **STRIKING THE ARROWS**

## Great Commission

*Mark 16:15-16 "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."*

### *2 Kings 13:14-20*

In this story, Jehoash is the king of Israel who at the time was being threatened by the armies of Amaziah, the king of Judah.

How could Jehoash's future be affected by how many times he hit the arrows on the ground? Elisha instructed him to strike the ground, but he didn't say how many times.

Elisha began with a promise of a complete victory "*That arrow is a sign that the Lord will help you completely defeat the Syrian army.*" But Jehoash would receive much less "*... now you will defeat them only three times.*"

The difference between a complete victory and a partial victory was Jehoash's choice to strike the arrow only 3 times.

This revealed to Elisha that Jehoash lacked determination to receive the full measure of God's provision and intention for him.

### **What does the story have to do with our involvement in the Great Commission?**

*Elisha placed his hand on the king's hand...that arrow is a sign that the **Lord will help you.***

Many years ago, God called (shot) our church into planting churches around Australia and into the mission fields to fulfil the Great Commission.

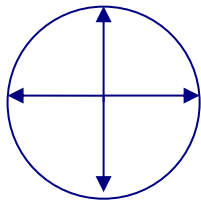
*"If you had struck it five or six times, you would completely wipe out the Syrians"*

### **Our challenge is to not give up reaching new frontiers to extend God's Kingdom.**

We should never stop striking the arrows of giving, sending and visiting!

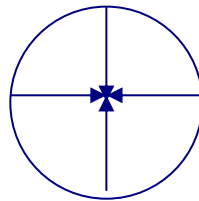
We need to keep striking and shooting the arrows of evangelism, teaching the Word, church planting, missionary training, Christian education, helping the needy and visiting.

### **Two Mentalities in the Local Church today.**



#### **RADIC**

Out from the centre



#### **CENTRIC**

Into the centre

God intends the Local Church to have a '*Radic*' mentality.

### **Missions is not what we do, it is who we are!**

# Group Discussion

1. Discuss the teaching notes on Striking the Arrows.
2. If you have participated on a mission's trip overseas, share your experience.

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3. Would you like to go on a mission's trip? If so, where and what particular focus. EG: Children, humanitarian, teaching the Bible...

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4. Would you like to go visit a particular ministry overseas our church is involved in? If so, choose from below and let your group know and your Connect Group Leader to pass on this information to Ps Mike for follow up.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Homes, Sri Lanka      | <input type="checkbox"/> Preschools, Fiji              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Missions Schools, India          | <input type="checkbox"/> Bethel Christian Centre, PNG  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children/Youth, Solomon Islands  | <input type="checkbox"/> Feeding Programs, Philippines |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preschool Teachers Training, PNG | <input type="checkbox"/> Faith Center Church, SC USA   |

# Group Prayer / Needs

1. Are there any prayer requests from group members that can be prayed for before closing?

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2. Are there any needs that the group can help each other with? (*Discuss*)