

## June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Sermon Bible Study

### Sermon: 1 Kings 19:19-21

<sup>1</sup>So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. Elisha was doing the plowing with twelve teams of oxen in front of him, and he himself was driving the twelfth team. Elijah crossed over to him and threw his cloak over him. <sup>20</sup>Then Elisha left the oxen and ran after Elijah. He said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother good-bye! Then I will follow you." Then Elijah said, "Go back! For what have I done to you?" <sup>21</sup>So Elisha turned back from following him. Then he took the team of oxen and slaughtered them. Using the equipment from the oxen as fuel, he cooked the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he got up, followed Elijah, and served him.

### Theme: Service Means Sacrifice

#### Link to Audio Sermon:

<http://www.christlutheranwestsalem.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/6-26-2022.mp3>

#### Sermon Study Guide

*Contemplate these questions during the sermon and feel free to write your thoughts in the blank spaces.*

1. **What was Elijah signifying by putting his cloak on Elisha? What did that entail?**
2. **Elisha asked to go back and say good-bye to his family. He was allowed. The man in our Gospel lesson asked permission to bury his Father. He was denied. What is the difference between these two similar responses?**
3. **Elisha butchered and cooked the oxen he used for his farm work over the equipment he used for his farm work. What is he stating in those actions?**
4. **To be a follower of Jesus we have to be willing to sacrifice things in our lives. What might we sacrifice? Why is it worth it?**