



ICEBREAKER (10 MINUTES)

Who is the person you trust most in your life and why?

INTRODUCTION (5-10 MINUTES)

This week we will be in 1 Kings 18:1-40. At the command of the Lord, Elijah reemerges on the scene to confront Ahab and the prophets of Baal displaying that we serve a God who not only hears us but also answers. In spite of the odds, God is still trustworthy.

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INTO THE WORD (25 MINUTES)

- 1. Read 1 Kings 17:20-24 and 1 Kings 18:1-2. Elijah's faith was built over time as he trusted God and saw God show up in his life. How have you seen God be faithful in your life and how has it helped your ability to trust Him in the future?
- 2. Read 1 Kings 18:3-16. Obadiah was a loyal follower of God but had trouble following Elijah's request because it might cost him his life. Where in your life do you find it hard to follow God fully?
- 3. Read 1 Kings 18:17-22 and Exodus 20:3. The people of Israel refused to fully commit to God and their indecisiveness left them serving other gods. Where in your life do you find it hard to fully follow God?



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APPLICATION (25 MINUTES)

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- 1. Read 1 Kings 18:23-29, 36-39. What sticks out to you from how the prophets of Baal prayed versus how Elijah prayed? How can this inform the way you pray?
- 2. From Elijah's experience we see four ways that we can trust God.
 - a. Trust God with our identity (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
 - b. Trust God to be our provision (James 1:17)
 - c. Trust God to be faithful (1 Kings 18:22)
 - d. Trust God to be our hope (Romans 15:13)
 - Of those listed, which way do you need to trust God most this week?

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3. Elijah has a real heart for the people to turn their hearts back to God v36-37. This week who can we be praying for to have a real "fire from heaven" experience so that they may know that the Lord is God?

PRAYER (10 MINUTES)

Dear heavenly Father,

Thank you for who you are. As we face situations that feel difficult and overwhelming may we have courage knowing that you are working within each of us, preparing for what you have next. May we not limp between serving you fully and looking to other things to bring us peace. May we trust in you Jesus only knowing you are the God that answers us when we call upon you. Help us to trust you with our identity, provision, faith, and hope. May your word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. We pray all these things in your wonderful name. Amen.