

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Elijah

DISCUSSION GOAL

Recognize how God provided for Elijah and answered his prayers. Help your group see how he does the same for us today. Identify what it looks like for you to live a life of faith, trusting in God and taking him at his word.

ICE BREAKER



Who is someone you admire and think very highly of? What makes you feel this way about them?

TEXT



Have a member of your group read the passage aloud.

1 Kings 17:1-24 ESV

¹Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe^[a] in Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word.” ²And the word of the LORD came to him: ³“Depart from here and turn eastward and hide yourself by the brook Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. ⁴You shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.” ⁵So he went and did according to the word of the LORD. He went and lived by the brook Cherith that is east of the Jordan. ⁶And the ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook. ⁷And after a while the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land.

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to him, ⁹“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.”

(Turn to the ESV Bible to continue reading verses 10-24)

MESSAGE OUTLINE



This is what our pastoral team observed about the passage.

Title: Elijah, A Life of Faith

Big Idea: A life of faith is a life of trusting God and taking him at his word.

Key Question: What does a life of faith look like?

1. Unconditional Obedience. (vv. 1-16)
2. Complete Dependence (vv. 17-24)

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DISCUSSION



- Elijah trusted God and took Him at His word. What does it mean to “take someone at their word?”
- In every situation, when the word of the Lord came to Elijah, his response was immediate, unconditional obedience (vv.1-16). What is your response when you hear the word of the Lord? What keeps you from taking immediate action on God’s Word?
- As we read in 1 Kings 17:1-16, every time Elijah stepped out in obedience, God faithfully provided everything He promised He’d provide. How do you think this affected Elijah’s faith? Share a time with your group when you stepped out in obedience to God’s calling and saw God provide exactly what you needed. How did it affect your faith?
- Throughout all of 1 Kings 17, we see Elijah’s total dependance on God. This dependance is especially evident as we read about his prayers for a dead boy to be brought back to life (vv. 17-24), a miracle only God could do! Do you find it hard to be dependent on others? Why or why not? How about God? Do you find it hard to depend on Him? Why or Why not?
- **Read John 15:5.** Our inability is an invitation to dependance on God. Share an area of your life where your inability is evident, an area where you need to be fully dependent on God. What would it look like for you to have total dependance on God in that area?

LIFE APPLICATION



A life of faith looks like trusting God and taking him at his word; unconditionally following his leading with obedience, and completely depending on Him in the process. As a group talk about what it would look like for you to live a life of faith. What next step do you need to take this week to become more like Elijah?

Dot your ideas below and send a picture to your group to remind everyone of your action steps this week.

PRAYER REQUESTS



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