

August 19, 2018 Elijah on Mount Carmel

For the Facilitator - During the week before the meeting, review the story and the questions. Do an internet search on any issues you might anticipate. Even if you are not telling the story, know it well enough to share. Make sure you are maintaining your own walk with the Lord. Make personal contact with at least one person in your group this week.

Open in Prayer and Welcome/Introductions

Remind the group of DiscipleGroup Guidelines (Confidentiality, Don't Rescue Don't Fix, No Crosstalk, Use Humor Responsibly, Give Everyone a Chance to Share, Use "I" Statements.)

DISCIPLEMAKER QUESTIONS

- Last week we looked at the story of Elijah and the widow's son. Are there any more thoughts on that story?
- How are your relational investments going?

Ask a "hook question" to get the group going.

- What is so exciting about a showdown between long-standing rivals?

Share background for the story.

This week we look at our fourth story about the prophet Elijah.

Tell the story with your Bible open on your lap – I Kings 18:17-46. This week's story is about Elijah's famous showdown with the priests of Baal.

Group members rebuild the story one piece at a time.

Read I Kings 18:17-46 out loud. Were there any important details left out of the telling or retelling of the story?

Discuss these questions:

1. What do you learn about God in this story?
2. What do you learn about the characters in the story?
3. What stood out to you in this story?
4. What current day "idols" do you often find yourself following?
5. How would you describe your personal response to sin in your world?

Ask someone to retell the story.

Assign next week's passage. I Kings 19:4-18. The Lord Appears to Elijah.

Close in Prayer.