

ELIJAH

Group Guide

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1 Kings 18:30-39

³⁰ Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come here to me." They came to him, and he repaired the altar of the LORD, which had been torn down. ³¹ Elijah took twelve stones, one for each of the tribes descended from Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD had come, saying, "Your name shall be Israel." ³² With the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD, and he dug a trench around it large enough to hold two seahs of seed. ³³ He arranged the wood, cut the bull into pieces and laid it on the wood. Then he said to them, "Fill four large jars with water and pour it on the offering and on the wood."

³⁴ "Do it again," he said, and they did it again.

"Do it a third time," he ordered, and they did it the third time. ³⁵ The water ran down around the altar and even filled the trench.

³⁶ At the time of sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward and prayed: "LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command.

³⁷ Answer me, LORD, answer me, so these people will know that you, LORD, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again."

³⁸ Then the fire of the LORD fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench.

³⁹ When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, "The LORD—he is God! The LORD—he is God!"

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1. In one sentence answer the question: how would you define what the 'good life' is?
2. Read 1 Kings 18:17-39.
 - What catches your eye as you read this story?
 - Is it easier for you to focus on, and want, the end of this story instead of the journey to get there? Share why or why not.
3. At the end of this passage, renewal comes to Israel. As you consider this renewal, discuss the following:
 - What is the renewal that occurs in this passage? Consider 1 Kings 18:38-39.
 - What steps does Elijah take that set the table for renewal to happen? Consider his actions in verses 30-39.
 - How might these same steps be integrated into your life so renewal can happen in you and around you?
4. In verse 21, Elijah talks about how the people 'waver between' Yahweh and Baal.
 - Do you find this happening in your life at times? If so, explain how this occurs.
 - Why do we need to make a choice who we will follow? Consider Jesus' teaching in Matthew 6:24.
5. Do you ever rely on what you can do in order to receive something from God? Share how this plays itself out in your life.
6. Now compare Elijah with the efforts of the prophets of Baal.
 - What differences do you see in Elijah and how he seeks a response from God?
 - What does he do that you can emulate?
7. Discuss the statement: *Many people want the breakthrough without having to face the brokenness.*
8. Share one area of your life that you'd like to experience God's healing in. Then, pray for God to heal that part of your life, as well the courage to partner with God in that healing journey.



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RESOURCES TO HELP YOU FOLLOW JESUS

- centralheights.ca/followjesus

STORIES

- We love hearing how God moves in people's lives. If you or anyone in your group has a story and would be willing to share, we'd love to hear it and celebrate with you. You can share your story by emailing stories@centralheights.ca

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