

"From the Word to Life"

I Kings 18:16-39

1. It is easy to criticize the people of Israel for their idolatry and following Baal. However, the reality is that in many ways we are just as guilty as they are. What current day "idols" do you often find yourself following?
2. What is so appealing to you about those "idols"? What do they promise you? How do they offer you hope?
3. What does this passage reveal about God and His character? Why is this important?
4. What does this passage reveal about the god these prophets served?
5. Today, there are also millions upon millions of people crying out to unresponsive false gods. Share a time when you witnessed someone attempting to gain the attention of his or her god? In other words, how do people try to get the attention of their gods today? What does what they give to their god say about what they value as most important?
6. What does this scene reveal about the condition of all mankind?
7. Contrast how Elijah approached the Lord with the prophets' approach to their god? What does this teach us about the God we serve and how we should or should not approach Him? What other passages in the New Testament address this issue? (see Matthew 6:7-13)
8. In what ways does Elijah foreshadow the role of Christ?
9. At this point in redemptive history, why is this event of Elijah and the prophets of Baal so significant?

Pray for each other.