

Dig Deeper @Home – “His Story in History”

Complement to sermon on June 11, 2017 – “Supernatural Power”

MEMORIZE – 1st Kings 11:38

And if you will listen to all that I command you, and will walk in my ways, and do what is right in my eyes by keeping my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did, I will be with you and will build you a sure house, as I built for David, and I will give Israel to you.”

READ 1st Kings 18

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What is this passage revealing about God and what is it revealing about us as humans?

2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life? What will that look like?

3. The challenge has been set: Baal or Yahweh (the LORD). Read 18:27-28 again. What attributes are revealed about Baal? (hint: Elijah reveals Baal’s attributes in his words to the Baal prophets)
 - a. Use the following scriptures to see how Yahweh compares to Baal
 - i. Psalm 121:4
 - ii. Psalm 145:18
 - b. Baal followers believed that Baal was responsible for rain and that during droughts he was imprisoned in the underworld as death’s captive. What do we know about the LORD after He answers Elijah with fire and rain? In terms of death, what do we know about the LORD based on 1 Kings 17: 17-24?

4. Compare and contrast Ahab’s response to a famine with King David’s in 2 Samuel 21:1

5. The call to follow Yahweh (the LORD) alone is a theme throughout scripture. In Revelation, Jesus says something similar to the church that Elijah says to Israel. Read Revelation 3: 14-22. Gauge your own temperature. Are you hot, cold, lukewarm? What is Jesus telling us to do in these verses and what does that look like practically in your life?

Bottom Line – Summarize 1st Kings 18 in your own words

Experiential

Sometimes activities help us to understand and process biblical truths. The one below is a suggestion for how to experience the truths of 1st Kings 18

Can you follow that?

This activity requires at least three people. Elijah is calling out the people of Israel not so much for forsaking the LORD, but for not following Him alone. Their fault was they were not committed followers, rather they would call on other gods, Baals, as they saw fit. This is a problem. You cannot follow two at once. See for yourself. Have two people (or more) tell you a story at the same time. Your job is to listen to them at the same time. Afterwards, retell each of them the story they told you.

1. Were you able to retell all the stories correctly and perfectly accurate?
2. What made this activity difficult?
3. Why then would God want us to follow Him alone?
4. What in your life is keeping you from following Christ alone? What are you going to do about it?

SING (suggested songs to sing. Use these or any song you might want to sing)

Christ is Enough - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0fZ-tBR7LJ0>

Let this be our anthem, "I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back!"

Come, thou Fount – Mennonite Hymnal #310

A classic hymn of commitment asking Christ to bind us to himself since we are prone to wander from Him

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the lesson:

As you go, may God give you a pure and holy passion to know Him and to follow Him alone. May the Holy Spirit fill you with wisdom and courage to trust Him and walk fully by His word and His ways at all times.