



Week #5 of Elijah: A Man Like Us

October 30, 2022

Coming Together

- What is a good definition of courage?
- What is the most courageous thing you think you have ever done?

Flowing in Our Understanding

- Read 1 Kings 18:1-3. Where did Ahab and Jezebel live? Why do you think God made the famine more severe in Samaria than in the rest of the Northern Kingdom (see verse 3)?
- When Elijah appears again in 1 Kings 18 and confronts Ahab for a second time, how long has it been since their confrontation in 1 Kings 17:1? During the time between 1 Kings 17 and 1 Kings 18, what does the Bible say Elijah was doing? What do think Ahab was doing during this time?
- Read 1 Kings 18:16-18. What does Elijah get accused of by Ahab? How would describe the name calling the goes on in these verses? Who was right?
- Read 1 Kings 18:19-20. What was the people of Israel' general attitude and commitment to God during the time of Elijah?
- In 1 Kings 18:22-24, What is the test proposed to discover who is the true God between Baal and Yahweh? How does the test turn out? How did the test turn out for the Prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18:25-29)? How did the test turn out for Elijah (1 Kings 18:30-39)?

Unwrapping God's Principles

- What Pastor Chico talks about “standing in the gap”, what does he mean? What are some of the personal costs of standing in the gap?
- Why do you think it takes courage to confront wrongdoing and the evils we see and experience in today's world? What are some of the typical costs we can expect to pay when we do choose to confront wrong?
- In 1 Kings 18:17-18, Ahab makes an accusation against Elijah. Elijah responds back with one of his own. What do you find significant in this interaction?
- Why is it significant that before Elijah sacrifices his offering, he has the people rebuild the altar of the Lord (see 1 Kings 18:30-32)? What applications might this have to our lives and our choices to stand in the gap?

Deepening Our Hearts for God

Read James 1:5-8. What do these verses teach us about God and our relationship with Him? Why is there such difficulty in following God and not being distracted by the world we live in?

Looking Ahead

Read 1 Kings 18:41-16. Circle, underline, or highlight anything that stands out to you. For over three years Elijah had been waiting for this event and now it rains. What do you think some of the emotions were for Elijah, Ahab, and even the servant?

