

Elijah
Renewal by Grace Through Faith (1 Kings 18:1-40)
Life Group Questions – June 27, 2021



Connect & Review

1. Looking back, where have there been “crossroad moments” in your life? How did those moments of decision shape your life today?

Investigate & Dig

1. Israel worships Baal, trusting in him for rain upon the land to produce food for them, so God gives them 3 years of Baal in charge of sending rain. What do you think God’s lesson is for his people here? Have you ever had to learn a similar lesson?
2. Read **1 Kings 18:16-18**. According to Ahab, what is the source of the trouble; what does he identify as Israel’s problem and how does Elijah see it differently? Why is it important to correctly diagnose a problem in order to heal it? Can you think of anything in our culture where we want to avoid a reckoning with reality?
3. Read **1 Kings 18:21**. Would you characterize yourself as a decisive, action-oriented person, or more naturally indecisive and passive? How has that shaped your spiritual journey? (there are strengths and weaknesses in both personality tendencies)
4. We defined syncretism as the blending of different beliefs and values into a single incoherent worldview. Noticing syncretism in ourselves can be difficult, but is there anything you’re aware of in your spiritual beliefs or moral values that is inconsistent, or doesn’t actually reflect the teaching of scripture and the way of Jesus?
5. Do you feel what Charles Taylor called “cross-pressure”: the experience of being torn between immanence (this world is all there is) and transcendence (there must be something more)? What does that feel like, and how can you see that dissonance effect your spiritual life?
6. If you were pursuing a life of wholehearted worship, what would that look like? How would your life be different? What keeps you living halfhearted in your life with God?
7. What is the gospel? Can you any ways this story points toward Jesus and the renewal He brings by grace through faith?

Respond

Pray together, asking God for renewal in your own life, the life of our church, and in our city.