

## ICEBREAKER

Being that this week we celebrated Father's Day, what is one piece of advice or something your father said or did that has had a lasting impact on your life?

## SCRIPTURE READING

Read: 1 Kings 17:1-16

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### • GOD'S WORD ENCAPSULATES HIS WONDER-WORKING POWER

Read: John 4:24  
1 Kings 17:24  
Isaiah 55:11  
Jeremiah 23:29  
1 Thessalonians 2:13  
Hebrews 4:12

There's a marked difference between our words and God's word: God's Word has power to "perform its work." Living, active, sharper than a sword, penetrating, judging – God's Word is very special.

**Of all the verses you read above, which verse do you connect with the most and why?**

**Tell of a time when God's Word changed how you thought about something or caused you to change direction in your life. If you recall the verse(s) please share it with your group as well.**

### • SOLITUDE WITH GOD PREPARES US FOR THE SPOTLIGHT

Read: Acts 7:30  
Acts 1:13  
Mark 1:35

If we are going to be strong enough to stand for truth, it requires us to separate ourselves and seek solitude with God. Often, it's in that place of isolation and separation, when we are utterly dependent on God to sustain us, that we see His miraculous provision and faithfulness on display in our life. And when we experience God in such a personal way... day after day... it strengthens our faith. God prepares us privately so we can serve Him publicly.

**How have you been prepared privately so you can serve God publically?**

**What are some steps that you take (or could take) to allow yourself solitude so that God can do His amazing work in your life?**

### • EXTREME CIRCUMSTANCES EXTEND US TO EXPLORE GOD'S EXCELLENCE

Read: 1 Kings 17:13  
Romans 12:1  
Luke 9:23

**But first... and then.** Here is where the test of faith really comes. Elijah was challenging her to trust him – to trust God. Are we willing to quit trusting in our own limited resources, and plumb the depth of God's limitless reserves? We want to be in control of our own path, to be self-sufficient, to call our own shots. But to have Jesus as Lord means yielding all that up. His excellence is waiting to be manifested at the very time our resources are stretched to their limit.

**God's timing is perfect. Have you been in the middle of a situation wondering why, how, when and feeling out of control only to reflect back on that time later in life to see how God manifested His plan in your life and those around you?**

## PERSONAL REFLECTION / CHALLENGE

Reflect on this series messages: Follow this Advice; I Will Not Forsake You; Teamwork Makes the Dream Work; God's Beautiful Story of Redemption for Your Life; Follow God from the Inside Out; Following Means Finishing Well; Follow God Not Your Own Inventions and Follow God When All Else Seems Lost. Which of this series caused you to change something in your life? Have you shared this with anyone? If not, share about this life change with someone to encourage them in their walk of faith.

## THIS WEEK'S MISSIONARIES

Please keep the Bechtel family in prayer as this week's highlighted missionaries. For more information about the Bechtels, please visit: [HuronChapel.com/missions](http://HuronChapel.com/missions).

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