

Here are some talking points to start using to get your group talking to each other and to start generating meaningful conversations. Remember, you want others to do most of the talking.

**Start Talking.** Find a conversation starter for your group.

**Start Thinking.** Ask a question to get your group thinking. Which part of the message was most impactful to you and why?

**Start Sharing & Talking About the message.** NOTE: Pastor may not cover all points in all services.

**Setting/Open:** Elijah caused trouble for King Ahab his wife Jezebel. He had all her prophets of Baal killed which sparked a short-lived revival (18:39). Things did not go as Elijah had hoped. Jezebel is going to have him killed so he is on the run and in hiding.

1. What are three things God did for Elijah to show His faithfulness? Review verses 18:37-46.  
A. 1) Sent fire on the sacrifices (38); 2) Sent rain to end the drought (45); 3) God enabled Elijah to run faster than Ahab's chariots (46)
2. Elijah was hoping for a revival (18:47) when the fire came down and consumed the sacrifice. But what was the reaction of Ahab and Jezebel? A. They wanted to kill him for killing the prophets of Baal. This did not meet Elijah's high expectations, which caused him to have internal conflict. **Application:** The enemy is quick to steal or joy. John 10:10
3. What is Elijah's reaction when Jezebel threatens to have him killed? Review 19:1-4 A. He runs and hides and asks God to kill him. **Point:** What should we not do when we "Jezebels" come into our life and our expectations are not met? A. Don't go into isolation (and don't ask God to kill us). These feelings are normal, but isolation will not correct them.
4. In expressing his discouragement in 19:10, what has Elijah done? A. He has forgotten God's faithfulness of Chapter 18.
5. What does God do for Elijah in verses 5-7? A. God feeds Elijah and gives him rest. **Application:** God knows our needs and will provide for them (8). What did Elijah do that we should NOT do? A. Don't ever take God's blessings and faithfulness for granted.
6. In verse 10 God asks Elijah, "what are you doing here?" What is Elijah's response? A. He is honest with God and expresses his discouragement. **Application:** God wants us to be honest with Him about our thoughts & feelings - He can handle it.
7. Verses 11-14 God shows Elijah supernatural wonders, and after that speaks in a "still small voice." What was Elijah's response? (13) A. He humbles himself to hear the voice of God. **Question:** Are we able to humble & quiet ourselves during times of trial to hear God's voice?
8. Verses 13-14 After 40 days, God asks Elijah again (as in verse 9) what is he doing here? What is Elijah's response? A. The same as in verse 10! Nothing has changed.
9. Verses 15-18 What does God show Elijah about the future? A. The next steps. Justice is coming. That his ministry is valid and that he will have a successor. **Application:** What each of us is doing for God is not in vain. There is more for us ahead. **Quote:** It is always too early to quit. We need to slow down and remember God's past faithfulness. He will show us the next steps and provide for our ministry. Our responsibility – "Get up and go." Be ready to obey. **God Cares for You.**

**Start Praying & Start Doing.** Talk to your group about (1) creating profiles on the Calvary App so your group can create a group chat on the app. Let Pastor Josh know so he can set your group up for you. (2) Encourage your group to read ahead. (3) Please remember to fill out the LIFEgroup meeting assessment form after your meeting. Here is the link: <https://bit.ly/LIFEgroup-Assessment>

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God Cares

1Kings 18: and 19:1-14

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