

Series: The Weight of Truth, a study in 1 Kings

Sermon: Elijah and the Weight of Truth

Primary Text: 1 Kings 16:29-1 Kings 17:24

Discussion guide:

- What is absolute truth?
- What are some examples of things you know are absolutely true?
- How is absolute truth painful at times? Examples?
- How is absolute truth (even when it's painful) freeing? Examples?
- Read 1 Kings 16:29-34
 - What makes Ahab so wicked?
- Read 1 Kings 17:1 & James 5:17-18
 - What strikes you about Elijah's introduction in the Bible?
 - "As the Lord, the God of Israel, lives..."
 - Why does Elijah begin with this?
 - Why does he specify that he's talking about "the God of Israel"?
 - What absolute truth does this statement make?
 - How does this contrast God with Baal and other gods Ahab and his new wife worship?
 - "...before whom I stand..."
 - What is Elijah's point here?
 - How is he contrasting himself with Ahab and his wife?
 - Read the entire verse again...
 - What is the significance of the coming drought Elijah mentions?
 - How does knowing that God is the only God who lives effect and improve our lives?
- Read 1 Kings 17:1-7
 - How does this illustrate that God is the One Provider?
 - Why is this important for us to know?
 - How does this knowledge effect and improve our lives?
- Read 1 Kings 17:8-16
 - Why do you think God sends Elijah to Zarephath?
 - Read Jesus' words in Luke 4:25-26.
 - What do we learn from Jesus' words about Zarephath?
 - Read the story of Hagar in Genesis 16:1-13 with emphasis on verse 13.
 - What does this tell you about God and how does this set Him apart from all other Gods?
 - How does knowing that God is the God who sees us completely effect and improve our lives?
- Read 1 Kings 17:17-24
 - Emphasize verse 24 – how is this the ultimate gift and best goal God has for Zarephath?
- How does us knowing that God is the One True God and there is none like Him effect God?

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