

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

Sermon: Elijah and the Miserable King Ahab

Primary Text: 1 Kings 20-22

Discussion guide:

- What are you afraid of?
- Read Luke 12:4-7
 - Why should we fear God?
 - What does God think of us?
 - What is Jesus' point here?
- In the sermon we mention the Christian theologian N.T. Wright's point that the most frequent command in the Bible is "Fear not." Why do you think that the Holy Spirit made sure this command is so frequent in His Word?
- Read and/or summarize the story of 1 Kings 20
 - Why did God intervene according to 1 Kings 20:13 and 28?
 - How is us knowing that the Lord is God good for us?
 - Why do you think Ahab disobeyed God?
 - What does it mean to live a self-referenced life? (See Genesis 3:5)
 - Why is this miserable?
 - How do you live this way?
 - How does knowing who God is/living a God-referenced life give us objectivity?
 - How is objectivity freeing?
- Read and/or summarize the story of 1 Kings 21
 - How does this story display discontentment?
 - Why is discontentment miserable?
 - What is entitlement and how does it inevitably lead to discontentment?
 - How does knowing who God is affect our entitlement? Make us grateful?
 - Why did Ahab call Elijah his enemy? Why is Elijah actually his best friend?
 - Why is Jezebel actually his worst enemy?
 - How is gratitude freeing?
- Read and/or summarize the story of 1 Kings 22
 - Why should Jehoshaphat not have had to say what he said in v. 5?
 - Why do you think Jehoshaphat said what he said in v. 7?
 - Why did Ahab feel the way he did about Micaiah in v. 8?
 - What do you think about verse 14?
 - What does it mean to be willful? Why is this a miserable way to live?
 - How does knowing who God is give us the opportunity for trust?
 - How is trust freeing?