

Lesson Title: The Prophet Elijah

Scripture Focus: I Kings 18:21

The Lesson in Context

In a world filled with false spiritual voices that will affirm anything a person might choose to believe, God often wants to establish the truth of our message through miraculous signs and wonders like the miracle of Mount Carmel. Jesus Himself affirmed this truth when He told His disciples that miraculous signs would follow those who believe, and these signs would confirm the preached Word (Mark 16:16–20). God not only wants you to proclaim His Word, but He also wants to work miracles in your life that will confirm it. Will you open yourself up to the miraculous power of God today?

It isn't enough to simply "inwardly disagree" with unrighteousness and spiritual hypocrisy invading our culture. At some point, we must boldly take a stand for truth like Elijah, John, and Jesus stood. Yes, we risk being outcasts and even persecuted (a growing risk every day), but our mission is not to blend in and conform; our mission is to stand out and proclaim. In the parallel stories of Elijah and Elisha and John the Baptist and Jesus, we see a glimpse of a revival if we have the courage to reach out and believe God for it.

Group Discussion

1. What does success look like to you? How can you ensure you are worshiping Jesus and pursuing Him?
2. What sort of false spiritual speak are people believing today? Why do so many find these ideas attractive and convincing?
3. What do you think it would take to see a national revival in our world today like Elijah saw?
4. What makes it so hard to lovingly tell someone a hard truth? How do we correctly speak the truth in love?
5. Why is it so important for us to have spiritual leaders who, like Elijah, are not afraid to challenge and confront us with our shortcomings?

My Prayer for the Upcoming Week

How do you want to be different because of what you have experienced today?
