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big idea small group discussion



How do we become the super hero that God created us to be? The same way Elijah did. We acknowledge that God exist, that He is real. We realize that God wants us to be his hands and feet, His representative. That God has given us in His word and through the Holy Spirit what we need to do what He calls us to do. And that sometimes that means that the pain and the loneliness of our lives are helping us realize that real super powers come from God.

BIG IDEA: To be a super hero, you have to find the source of super power.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Has God ever called you to something that felt too big?
2. *With your Bible or YouVersion, read 1 Kings 17:1.* Have you ever felt like God was asking you to speak His truth, to be His voice (prophet)? How did you respond?
3. What is there in your life that cannot be explained without the existence of a REAL God?
4. Do you feel worthy of being God's representative? Why or why not
5. Do you think that God would call you to action without making His resources available?
6. *With your Bible or YouVersion, read Deuteronomy 11:16-17.* Have you ever had a time in your life when you were able to remember a promise God has made in the Bible and found comfort or power in that promise?
7. *With your Bible or YouVersion, read 1 Kings 17:2-7.* Has God ever paced you somewhere you didn't want to be?
8. Have you ever known complete loneliness?
9. Did God use the "Kerith" season of your life to change you?
10. How hard is it to find contentment in God providing our needs, but not necessarily our wants?
11. *With your Bible or YouVersion, read James 5:17-18.* Do you believe that you could be a super hero for God?
12. What did Elijah have that you don't?

MOVING FORWARD

The degree that God will use any of us is totally dependent upon how much time we spend with Him. In order for God to use us in mighty ways, we have to stay connected to Him, who is our source for power (John 15:1-11). That should be good news for us, because God can and will use everyone, regardless of their talents, abilities, or past. God uses people who hide themselves away and who spend time with Him.

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

God wants you to be the super hero He created you to be. Spend this week asking God to reveal the opportunities in your life to be His voice, His hands and His feet. Ask that He show the pride and arrogant areas of your life that need to be removed, revealing God's power to people around you.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Elijah was as human as we are, and yet when he prayed earnestly that no rain would fall, none fell for three and a half years! Then, when he prayed again, the sky sent down rain and the earth began to yield its crops.
James 5:17-18



COMMENTARY AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Study Bible Notes and notes from Bible.org

1 Kings 17:1–24 Elijah and the Drought. Chapter 17 provides the context—a divinely ordained drought—in which the climactic demonstration of the truth about God and the “gods” will take place (18:16–40). This passage teaches that it is the Lord, not Baal or any other “god,” who controls both life and death, both fertility and infertility.

1 Kings 17:1 neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word. In Canaanite religion, Baal had authority over rain and fertility. The absence of rain meant the absence of Baal, who must periodically submit to the god of death Mot (during the dry season), only to be revived at a later date and once again water the earth (during the rainy season). This cyclical and polytheistic view of reality is the focus of Elijah’s challenges. Elijah worships a single God who lives and yet, while living, can deny both dew and rain to the land. The Lord, not Baal, brings fertility; and the Lord’s presence in judgment, not his absence in death, leads to infertility.

1 Kings 17:5 east of the Jordan. Elijah hides in an inhospitable area where there is no normal food supply. God is nevertheless able to provide for him, for God controls not just the rain but the whole natural order, including the ravens (v. 6).

1 Kings 17:6 bread and meat in the morning ... in the evening. As the Israelites had once been the beneficiaries of God’s provision of bread and meat in the wilderness (Exodus 16, esp. vv. 8, 12–13), now Elijah eats even more generous amounts (twice daily) of the same.

