

## For Class Interaction and Discussion

### Lesson Outline

#### 1. God's Time of Preparation for Elijah, 1 Kings 17:

- Journey to Cherith
- God alone has power over life

#### 2. Elijah's Time on Mt. Carmel, 1 Kings 18:

- The mission
- The victory

#### 3. What's in this for us?

- We will have to endure seasons of preparation
- We must choose God
- We must walk in faith and obedience just like Elijah

#### 1 Kings 18.21

21 Then Elijah approached all the people and said, "How long will you waver between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him. But if Baal, follow him." But the people didn't answer him a word.

### For Thought and Discussion

1. What were the circumstances in Israel that led to God's call for Elijah to announce judgment and a drought? How does this reflect the consequences of spiritual unfaithfulness?
2. What can we learn from Elijah's experiences in Cherith and Zarephath about dependence on God during challenging times? How does God use difficulties to prepare us for His purpose?
3. What significance did Mount Carmel hold in the contest between God and Baal? How did Elijah's unwavering faith in God lead to the people's repentance and return to God?
4. How does Elijah's challenge to Israel resonate with our own need for decisiveness in following God? What worldly distractions do we need to leave behind to wholeheartedly commit to Him?
5. *Living Out Our Faith:* What actions and behaviors exemplified Elijah's faith? How can we ensure that our faith is not merely words but is demonstrated through our actions and obedience?

### Group Activities

1. *Elijah's Wilderness Experience*: Divide into small groups and discuss a personal experience where you felt God was preparing you during a challenging time. Share how it strengthened your faith.
2. *Mount Carmel Revisited*: Discuss Elijah's encounter with the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel. Talk about the significance of God's response and the people's repentance. How can we apply this lesson to our lives today?
3. *Making Decisive Choices*: In pairs, identify areas in your life where you need to make more decisive choices in your commitment to God. Share your goals and support each other in taking action.
4. *Living Out Your Faith*: Share personal examples of how your faith has been demonstrated through your actions. Discuss how faith and works are interconnected in your daily life.

### ***Walking with God Today***

Faith, testing, and obedience are integral parts of our faith. Just as Elijah faced daunting challenges and remained obedient to God's calling, we too must navigate life's trials with unwavering faith.

Trust in God's preparation during challenging times, make decisive choices to follow Him, and let your faith shine through your actions. Elijah's story reminds us that God is with us every step of the way.