“Elijah’s Journey” 1 and 2 Kings

• Characteristics of Elijah:

• Things you can learn from Elijah’s life:

• Other thoughts or passages of Scripture that come to mind:

Discussion Questions:
- How do you feel about being an ambassador of Christ?

- What about Elijah’s story stands out to you most?

- Elaborate on the comments you wrote down or remembered from the message…

For next Sunday, read 2 Chronicles 34

"A Stroll Through the Scroll"
A Walk Through God's Word

Bible Book; ***1 and 2 Kings***

I. Title of the Book;

As I wrote in the last summary sheet, these two books were originally one. They were later known (in the LXX, Septuagint) as 3, 4 Kings. 1, 2 Kings became 1, 2 Samuel. "Kings" is an appropriate title as it is a continuation of the history of the monarchy, the kings of the unified and divided kingdoms.

II. Writer of the Book;

The author may have been Jeremiah, or at least one of his contemporaries. The events in this book occur from 970-560 BC, and was therefore written 560-538 BC.

III. Theme or Purpose of the Book;

These books start where the books of Samuel leave off, and they continue through the reign of Solomon and through the divided kingdom and up until the Babylonian captivity of Judah during Jehoiachin's reign. One of the themes that run through the books illustrate how faith and obedience will bring blessing and the lack of it will bring judgment. The once great nation of Israel turned into a land divided, not only physically, but also spiritually (Life Application). The distinctions are vividly contrasted in the lives of the kings.

These books contain an abundant amount of factual, chronological data (dates, lengths of reign and ages of rulers, etc.). These historical facts again point to the complete reliability of the Scriptures.

IV. Outline of the Book;

A. Solomon's Rule; 1 Kings 1-11,
   Everything about him and his administrating and his building the temple.
B. The Divided Monarchy; 1 Kings 12 - 2 Kings 17,
   Hostilities and peaceful times between the two kingdoms.
C. The Kingdom of Judah through the Captivity; 2 Kings 18-25,
   Hezekiah to Jehoiachin and Zedekiah.

V. Suggested Personal or Group Study Sections in the Book;

-Read the book's summary from "*66 Love Letters,*" by Larry Crabb.
-There are many things to study and apply, but for starters you could do some character studies on people like;
Elijah, Elisha, Solomon, Naaman, Hezekiah, Ahab and Jezebel, Josiah, etc.
-Others

VI. How is Jesus Christ seen in this book;

He is our powerful Prophet and reigning King (typified in the accounts).

For Personal or Group Studies

Always remember that the Bible is God's infallible, inerrantly inspired authoritative Word.

Book;

Human Author;

Approximate date of events;

Theme, Purpose, Principal characters;

Study Section; _____

Summary of section;

Interpretation; What was the author trying to say to his audience? Within the historical and grammatical context what did it mean to them?

Application; What does it mean to you (be specific)? Practical areas; family, church, job, nation, sins, examples, promises, etc.

Favorite portion or verse;