

# LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

## A PROPHETIC CHALLENGE

Scripture: 1 Kings 18:20-40

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As 2015 unfolds, we see lots of changes in this world that pull many away from God. Pastor Miles preached about Elijah's encounter against a majority worshipping other gods and his challenge to turn their hearts back to God. Let our hearts be strengthened to know our God has made available to us, His children, supernatural power to stand and prove His love and power. Now is the time for God's people to rise and shine! (Is 60:1)

### MEMORY VERSES

"For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of *them* whose heart *is* perfect toward him" 2 Chronicles 16:9

### DISCUSSION STARTERS

1. If you could be any superhero who it be and why?

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If you could have any superpower, which one would you choose?

2. Describe a time when you had to make a choice to stand alone (eg: principle, subject or decision). How did it make you feel and what was the response from others? How did standing alone impact you/other?

### STUDY QUESTIONS

READ the Scriptures from Sunday's Sermon:

**1 Kings 18:20-40**

1. Have you ever had to go against what was popular? Discuss your experience and the outcome.

2. Likewise, talk about a time when you remained silent or conformed to the actions of the group majority even when you knew there could be negative consequences for you or the whole group.

3. Review verse 33. Share a time when you believed the Lord instructed you to do something very odd or impossible so He could show Himself strong. How was your faith increased by God's movement? How did this impact your relationship and worship?



4. Break up into groups of 2 or 3 people and share about when you thought or said "One more time getting \_\_\_\_\_ or doing \_\_\_\_\_ and I'll be happy." Was there actual or long lasting satisfaction from the experience?
5. In our world today, what are some of the things we see being worshiped as a god. (i.e.: lust, greed, etc)? Why do you think these things are so consuming or steer people away from God?
6. Share an instance where you have had family, friends or co-workers who lived lives in a way that was destructive and you witnessed God change their heart and it was only God's supernatural power. Share if God used you like Elijah to change hearts.
7. In today world, how can we exhibit God's power to change hearts, usher healings, or give hope?

## PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

1. Activity: In 30 seconds list words or short phrases to describe why the Lord is so special to you.
2. How have you ensured or made your home/life a declaration, like Joshua (24:15) that your home or life will serve the Lord?
3. Break up in a group or pairs and make v37 your prayer for those who choose to worship other gods. Pray that the Lord would increase the worship centers that teach and honor sound doctrine and convict the conscience and hearts leaders who teach false doctrine.

## TAKE IT HOME!

1. Give thanks giving prayers and declaration this week that the Lord is God! Ref 1 King 18:39.
2. This week when faced with opinion against God, pray for God to reveal Himself.
3. Take Pastor Miles challenge to spend **One Hour a day in prayer**; and see if God changes your life! We spend many hours each day doing things that do not bring us closer to Him. Let's focus on an activity that will bring us closer to Him.

