

“Get Connected” Interactive Discussion Guide

Growth Group Study: 1 Kings 18:1-46

(Plan 30 minutes for your “study time” by focusing on the * questions. If you need to fill out or add to your discussion, select other questions. However, be sure to leave time for “SERVICE” and prayer.)

Open It

1. *What is so exciting about a showdown between long-standing rivals?
2. What is good or bad about Christians’ holding office in a secular government?

Explore It

3. What did God tell Elijah to do after almost three years of drought? ([18:1-2](#))
4. What was Obadiah’s story? ([18:3-4](#))
5. What were Ahab and Obadiah looking for as they traveled through the land? ([18:5-6](#))
6. Whom did Obadiah meet in the course of his journey? ([18:7](#))
7. What attitude did Obadiah have toward Elijah? ([18:7](#))
8. Why was Obadiah dismayed by Elijah’s orders? ([18:8-12](#))
9. What did Obadiah assume about Elijah’s ability to escape the king? ([18:12](#))
10. Why did Obadiah feel he didn’t deserve to die at the hands of an angry Ahab? ([18:12-14](#))
11. What promise did Elijah make to allay Obadiah’s fears? ([18:15](#))
12. Whom did Elijah hold accountable for Israel’s troubles? ([18:18](#))
13. What groups did Elijah want to assemble? ([18:19-20](#))
14. *How did the people respond when Elijah confronted them with their double-mindedness? ([18:21](#))
15. *How did the people respond to the confrontation Elijah proposed between Baal and God? ([18:22-24](#))
16. How did Elijah taunt the prophets of Baal when their god did not ignite the sacrifice? ([18:27-29](#))
17. What preparations did Elijah make in the sight of the people before he prayed to God? ([18:30-35](#))
18. How did Elijah address God in prayer? ([18:36-37](#))
19. *What happened to the altar of the Lord when Elijah prayed? ([18:38](#))
20. How did the people react when they saw fire burn up Elijah’s offering? ([18:39](#))
21. What vengeance did Elijah exact against the prophets of Baal? ([18:40](#))
22. What prediction did Elijah make to Ahab concerning the drought? ([18:41](#))
23. In what attitude did Elijah wait for the Lord’s answer? ([18:42-44](#))
24. What happened when the power of the Lord came upon Elijah? ([18:46](#))

Get It

25. What did Obadiah’s closeness to Ahab enable him to do for the people of God?
26. What might the faithful of that day have believed about why the king had been unable to capture Elijah for three years?
27. Why do you think stories abound with clear showdowns between good and evil?
28. Why does sarcasm cut to the core of our self-respect?
29. What measures did Elijah take to make the lighting of his sacrifice much harder than the sacrifice to Baal?
30. *What did Elijah perceive that God was doing in Israel through this showdown?
31. Despite the drama of the fire’s consuming the sacrifice, why did Elijah not assume that God would come through with the promised rain?
32. *To what extent is God obligated to answer our prayers to vindicate His own name?

Apply It

33. *How can we be confident of the power of God yet humble about our ability to dictate anything to Him?
34. What "god" might the Lord use you to unmask before a friend or acquaintance?