



The LORD – He is God. The LORD – He is God! 1 Kings 18:39

## *Bible Study:*



Read 1 Kings 18. Consider Elijah's straight up challenge to the people of Israel: If the Lord is God, follow Him, then meditate on the significance of their proclamation after God's display of power that God is Lord.

## *The gospel in the story:*



Israel is in a severe drought. And the drought serves as a symbol of the spiritual drought brought about by the rebellious nature of the king and his followers. Yet despite their rebellion, God provides Elijah who points the people back to Him. Though they didn't deserve it, God came in power to prove His glory and rightful place of the one true God, and even brought an end to the drought. This is a clear picture of God's steadfast love, His mercy and Grace!

## *Application*

### *Head:* **What did we learn?**

Q: Who is Elijah? A: A prophet God sent to prophesy to King Ahab

Q: Why is there a drought in the land? A: God caused it because Ahab (and his wife Jezebel) turned away from God and chose to worship Baal instead.

Q: How does God show his power, and at the same time expose Baal as a false god? A: By bringing down fire on the altar in response to Elijah's prayer.

Q: How many prophets of Baal prayed for fire? A: 450

Q: How did the people of Israel respond to God's display of power? A: They fell face down (a sign of reverence) and exclaimed The Lord, HE is God!

### *Heart :* **Memory verse**

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### *Hands:* **How does this affect the way I live my life?**

The right response to God's glory and power is AWE, reverence, praise and obedience (IN THAT ORDER).

**Discuss** ways God had demonstrated His Lordship in your life this past week, and ways you pray He will be Lord in the coming week.

### *Home:* **How does this affect my household?**

In this display of power and glory, God returned to His rightful place of Lord in the hearts of His people. In as sense, it was like an act of 'cleaning house.'

**Discuss** ways in which God's rightful place of LORD of your households was evident in the past week. Consider ways in which God wants to 'clean house' in the upcoming week.

### *Heaven:* **How can we be intentional about sharing our faith?**

In the same way God pursued the Israelites through Elijah, He pursued us in Jesus. He desires that we would pursue Him, and share that pursuing love with our friends, neighbors and co-workers.

**Discuss** ways in which God's greatness can be put on display through your Gospel Community in the way you love each other and the people God has put in your lives.