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Bible Study:



Read 1 Kings 19. Consider the enormous contrast between brokenness due to sin and rebellion, and the power, glory and sweetness of the Lord.

The gospel in the story:



This story is an encouragement for those who don't yet know Jesus, and also an encouragement for followers of Jesus. For those who have not met Jesus yet, Elijah's life illustrates the profound truth that without God, life is hopeless and meaningless, and the only sure outcome is death. The good news is that God is a loving and pursuing God willing to provide for our needs despite our sin and rebellion. The good news for followers of Jesus in this story is that God ministers to us in the UPS and DOWNS of our lives!

Application:

Head: **What did we learn?**

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

Q: Why is Elijah discouraged? A: Because despite the awesome display of God's power at mount Carmel, Ahab and Jezebel chose to rebel against God (and therefore Elijah).

Q: How does God care for Elijah's physical needs? A: He sends an angel of the Lord to provide food and water.

Q: How does God provide for Elijah's spiritual needs? A: He allows Elijah to express his frustration toward brokenness due to sin and rebellion, then speaks to Him in a gentle whisper.

Q: What instructions does God give Elijah? A: To appoint new kings, and to appoint another prophet (Elisha).

Heart : **Memory verse**

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

Brokenness due to sin can cause despair, but Jesus has defeated Satan, sin and death, and those who put their faith in Him can be refreshed and renewed by that good news.

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

Households that follow Jesus accept God's leadership rather than rejecting it as Ahab and Jezebel did (which led Israel into sin and rebellion).

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

As we live and share with friends and neighbors, we can't forget that without Christ, we are hopeless and helpless, and we have much to witness about how He has transformed our lives!