

July 31, 2011

Willow Park South
Small Group Questions

“Elijah: Part 1”
1 Kings 17:1-7

- Please read *1 Kings 17:1-7* together at the beginning of your small group meeting.

Since Ahab and his wife Jezebel lead Israel to the worship the false god Baal, the Lord sent Elijah to rebuke Ahab and to punish Israel with a drought.

What parallels do you see between Israel’s culture, which worshiped false gods, and our culture today? What are some of our culture’s false gods?

What character traits do you notice in Elijah?

After speaking to Ahab, the Lord told Elijah to depart to Cherith, drink from the brook, and be fed by ravens (vs. 3-4). But after a while, the “*brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land*” (vs. 7). Jonah had to live with the implications of his message.

As Christians who proclaim that we love to obey Jesus, how should our lives reflect the implications of His message?

Are there any commands of the Bible that you often neglect to obey because they do not seem important?

Describe a time in your walk with Christ where He called you to live through a season of drought.

While in Cherith, the Lord sent *ravens* to feed Elijah with bread and meat. As *ravens* were considered to be an ‘unclean’ animal according to the Levitical law, we see that God was willing to use surprising means to provide for His people.

Has God ever provided for you and your family in a surprising way?

How can we allow ourselves to be open for God to use out of the ordinary means to bring about His glory in our church?

In your opinion, why are people often opposed to the church doing things differently?

Elijah confronted Ahab by the word and power of the Lord. If we are to confront any external or internal problems, we also need to approach our issues by the word and the power of God. Without the help of Jesus Christ and without seeking the glory of Jesus Christ, we will be too full of ourselves to have a relationship with Him. In all that we do, let us walk by God's word and work in His power.