



The Story of Elijah is told in 1 Kings 17-19. The writer of James tells us that Elijah was a man just like us. And yet he prayed with a boldness and power that most of us have not experienced. What was it about Elijah's journey with God that made his prayers so powerful?

REFLECT (10 Minutes)

How has the Holy Spirit been speaking to you through the sermon this week?
OR
Was there anything new or interesting that grabbed you from the teaching Sunday?

Dig Deeper (20 Minutes)

This week Pastor Darren talked about the power of prayer. When we speak of the power of prayer in Christian circles, this creates in each of us a variety of responses. Do you think prayer really works? Do you think prayer is actually powerful? Why or why not?

What sort of answers to prayer have you seen in your life?

What sort of prayers have you seen go unanswered in your life or others? How has that affected the way you pray or approach God on a day to day basis? Or in other words, how do you think these unanswered prayers have formed your prayer life?

Read John 15:17. What do you do with a verse like this? How does it sit with you?

What is the significance of trusting God (or faith) when it comes to prayer? See James 1:6-7, Matthew 9:29 and Matthew 21:22. See also Luke 17:6 and Mark 11:24. How do we balance these verses with the ones that call us to pray in accord with God's will? See John 14:13-14; John 15:16 and John 16:23-24

If you haven't already, read John 14:13-14; John 15:16 and John 16:23-24. How have you heard people pray in Jesus' name? What do you think it means to pray in Jesus' name?

RESPOND (10-15 Minutes)

This week Pastor Darren preached on the boldness of Elijah and all that God did through his life. Read James 5:17. What part of this do you struggle to practice in your life?

What is one place in each of these three categories that you would like to pray with more boldness?

1. In your life?
2. In your church?
3. In your city?

PRAYER and Mutual Encouragement (10-15 Minutes)

Take some time to pray with one another and specifically in any of the areas you want to pray with more boldness. Practice this together. Perhaps close by reading Psalm 139:4.

LEADER NOTES

These questions are a guide; feel free to use/exclude ones as people may have already answered the question or talked about the theme OR if your group takes a long time to tackle one particular theme it's ok to skip over questions in the interest of time/focus.