



Worship Guide for March 16, 2025

### Sermon Notes

#### **The Ultimate Showdown on Mount Carmel**

1 Kings 18 (pew Bible pg. 299-301)

King Ahab and Israel thought their biggest problem was the drought and famine. Elijah shows up to powerfully demonstrate that the drought was just a symptom and consequence of their real problem. They have too many gods. There is only one true God. If God is God, then everything in life is affected by that reality. If God is all powerful and righteous, the giver of all life and sovereign over everything, then to ignore Him is not just sinful, it's foolish.

God desires to be known. He is righteously jealous over His people. When we are in sin, God will go to great lengths to bring us back to Himself. What we see in this passage is one of the greatest displays of power ever witnessed by man. It's also an incredible demonstration of God's mercy and His grace. Everyone on Mount Carmel came to know something of God's power, His righteous judgement, and His grace. And it all came down to this: "If Yahweh is God, follow Him."

1. The God who defines Reality
2. The God who confronts His People and their Sin
3. The God who reveals Himself and His Power
4. The God who answers Prayer
5. The God who acts to draw His People back to Himself

Applications: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Sermon Reflection Guide

"Let the *Word* of Christ *dwell* in you(all) *richly*  
*teaching* and *admonishing* one another in all *wisdom*..."  
- Colossians 3:16a

### Focus #1: GOD

1. What does this passage reveal about the character or nature of God?
2. What does this passage reveal about God's eternal plans and purposes?
3. What does this passage reveal about how God interacts with his creation?

### Focus #2: ME

4. How does this passage reveal sin in my own mind, heart, or life?
5. In what ways does this passage help us to see how we need to be aligned with God's will?
6. What is one tangible and measurable way that the Spirit is leading me to respond to his Word?

### Focus #3: OTHERS

7. What is one truth that I can share meaningfully with someone, and with whom?
8. How can I specifically encourage someone or everyone in my Life Group or church family from this passage?

Three contributions (reflections, questions, observations, etc.) I plan to include in our next Life Group discussion:

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- 2.
- 3.

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#### MARCH EASTER OFFERING

**19 Member's Meeting @ 6:30pm**

20 Red Cross Blood Drive @10:30am

23 Father/Son Luncheon @ 12pm  
28-31 AHG D.C. Trip

29 Men's Community Prayer Breakfast

30 Senior Adult Luncheon @ 12pm

#### APRIL

2 Life Together @ 6:30pm

6 MLM Recognition Day & Cookout