



Sermon Discussion Questions

Sermon Series: Elijah: A Man Just Like Us (Part 3)

"Turning Hearts Back To God"

1 Kings 18

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Opener:

Have you ever wanted to get back to your "roots" or to where you first came from? Who or what encouraged you in this direction? Why?

Questions:

1. Why does Ahab charge Elijah as the "troubler of Israel" (v 17)? Why does Elijah reverse this charge (v 18)?
2. Why do you think the people said nothing in response to Elijah (v 21)? What attitudes could account for their silence?
3. Why do you think Elijah instructed the three water dousings, especially when water was so scarce and valuable (v 34)?
4. Have the people been fickle, following whoever performs the most magnificent miracle? Or have they been sincere, eager to return to worship of the true God? Discuss.

Application:

5. Are those skeptical of God today most convinced by logical arguments, emotional appeals, miraculous power, or a combination? Which convinced you of the truth of Christianity?
6. Are you "wavering between two opinions" right now? Which one (if either) is more honoring to God?
7. Is your devotion to God leading you into "showdowns," perhaps in a situation at work or in a relationship?
8. What kind of provision do you need right now? How can your group help?