



## FIRE FALL: Week 2

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### Life Group Discussion Questions:

1. Thinking back on this week's sermon, was there a particular point or passage that challenged you, confused you, or caught your attention?
2. Read **1 Kings 17:7-24**
3. Elijah's name means "The Lord is God" and Derek said that "the whole point of Elijah's life is, 'which god is the real God?'" Rather than using Elijah as a puppet or robot, God works in Elijah's life and prepares him to be dependent and obedient. Like Elijah, you may not know the whole point of your life right now, your part of God's big plan. But, right now, today, how can you be dependent and obedient on God?
4. How has God used small tests of faith in your life to prepare you for big ones?
5. 4 Questions of Faith:
  - a. Will you leave your comfort zone? (:10) God used Elijah to save a widow and her son, and he used a widow to save Elijah. To where or to whom is God calling you?
  - b. Will you be generous with a little? (:13) Read **Matthew 6:33**. When we're seeking first His Kingdom, what does that mean for our *stuff*?
  - c. Will you trust in community? (:9) God *arranged* for the ravens and He *appointed* the widow to help Elijah. Who has God appointed for you to do life with- not just to get from them, but to give through you? Read **Romans 12:9-16**. How can this group reflect this passage?
  - d. Where will you turn in adversity? (:20) How do our responses in adversity reveal our heart- who we believe God is and how we trust Him?
    - i. For additional reading: Job's honest cries and the Lord's sovereign response in **Job 26-31, 28-42**

**Next Steps:** Our story is headed somewhere, and God is preparing us along the way. "He is doing something deeply in us so that He can do something powerful through us." Reflect on your life- where has God led you...and led you next....and led you next....and where is He leading you now?

**Prayer Thought:** Use **Psalm 20** as a guide for your prayer time- crying out to God about the difficulties and circumstances of our lives, praising Him that He hears us, answers us, that He is worth of our trust.

**Suggested Worship:** Listen to Lauren Daigle's "Trust In You" (find a lyrics video at youtube.com)