

## **Discipleship Notes 4: July 2020**

### **“Elijah: God sends Fire”**

#### **1 Kings 18**

#### **Opening Thought**

The Summer season is now with us. We will be taking a break from our regular small group notes over August.

What are you looking forward to at the moment?

Is there anything you are concerned about?

#### **Reading 1: Isaiah 35: 1-10**

Take some time, as a group, to pray for one another.

#### **Welcome:**

Elijah the Tishbite from Tishbe. We know already that Elijah is one of the great Old Testament prophets. Elijah is a man of God. Elijah will worship and serve the one, true, living God.

King Ahab has led Israel away from their God.

False gods have replaced worship of the one, true God. God has pronounced judgement on the land and a severe drought has afflicted people for 3 years. Think how badly a nation would be impacted by a long, severe drought.

King Ahab wants to find Elijah.

#### **Read: 1 Kings 18: 1-15**

- What do we know about Obadiah?
- What do we know about King Ahab?

- Describe the meeting between Obadiah and Elijah.
- Is it right for Christians to serve in government? Even when that government makes policies and decisions that threaten God's people?

**Read: 1 Kings 18: 16-46**

- Describe the meeting between Elijah and Ahab.
- What does Elijah set up the contest on Mount Carmel? What are the risks?
- How do the prophets of Baal and Asherah react to the situation?
- Why does Elijah make the context even harder than it needs to be?
- Look at verses 41-46. What does this mean for Elijah and Ahab?

**Prayer Pointers:**

- Pray for our plans to run an online Holiday Club on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> August. Details to be announced.
- We remember families facing an unusual school Summer holiday period
- We ask that God will bless our church meeting on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July
- We pray Christians facing persecution in nations today.