

## Small Group Discussion Questions

Following the Weekend of August 10-11, 2024

No need to answer every question. Feel free to jump around.

### The Heart Challenge

(I Kings 17:1-6)

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### Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud together I Kings 17:1-6.

What words, phrases, concepts, or images from these verses stand out to you as you just read them, or create a curiosity for you in some way?

What aspects of Pastor Alan's message gave you fresh insight into this passage, or helped you the most in understanding these verses and what we experience here?

How would you define what an idol is?

What have been some of the idols (things/thoughts/people you have given your heart to) in your life that you have elevated over God's place in your heart?

If you have been able to break free from idols in the past, what helped you make this break?

What idols are you potentially wrestling with today?

When have you experienced idols being exposed as frauds (not delivering on their promises) and what was your response to that revelation?

Through Elijah's words and actions (revealed in I Kings 17:1-6), Pastor Alan shares four steps we can take to enjoy a similar freedom and confidence to what Elijah exhibited.

1. Seeing who God is (vs. 1)
  - When do you find yourself getting a clearer vision of who God is?
  - Rather than pouring energy into fighting idols, what could, or does it look like for you to instead turn your focus more fully on God?
  - How captivated by Jesus do you currently find yourself?
  - If you long to see God more clearly, what steps could you take?
2. Living in God's presence (I Kings 17:1, Psalm 16:11, John 15:5)
  - How fully are you experiencing God's presence today?
  - What does it look like for you to spend quality time with God?
  - If you long to feel God's presence more fully, what steps could you take?
3. Embracing God's Word (vs.1)
  - What role is the Bible playing in your current life?
  - What does your current engagement with the Word look like?
  - If you feel a call to become more engaged with God's Word, what could this look like?
4. Doing what God tells us to do (vs. 5)
  - If God is calling you to do something today, what is it?
  - If there is something He has been calling you to do for a while, why have you been resisting?
  - Share examples of times you have obeyed and what the results were.
  - How easy or difficult is it for you to fully trust that what God is calling you to is truly best for you?

When has God's love, His provision, His strength, His promise delivered in a way that has validated His faithfulness while at the same time exposing the limitations of the idols around you?

Conclude by praying for one another in taking practical next steps in applying this weekend's message and group discussion, after which pray for group needs and concerns.

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