



## OVERVIEW

Elijah challenged Israel to stop wavering between God and idols, and through prayer he asked the LORD to reveal Himself and turn the people's hearts back. God answered with fire from heaven and later rain, showing His power and faithfulness to those who call on Him.

## OHANA TIME!

 **Icebreaker:** Two truths and a lie (everyone shares two true facts and one fake one, group guesses).

 **Activity:** How is your Ohana group serving together? Plan an outreach or service outing/event.

## PRAYER

**Pray:** "Lord, turn our hearts fully to You, and teach us to pray with faith for Your glory and for the renewal of Your people."

## BIBLE: READ 1 KINGS 18:36-46

1. What do you notice about Elijah's prayer at the altar (vv. 36–37)?
2. Compare Elijah's prayer with the long, frantic prayers of Baal's prophets earlier (vv. 26–29). What differences stand out in length, tone, and focus?
3. In verse 36, Elijah appeals to God as the covenant God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel. Why might this reminder of God's identity be significant in this moment?
4. What is the purpose of Elijah's prayer—what is he asking God to show the people?
5. How does the story connect back to Elijah's challenge in verse 21?
6. Why do you think Elijah specifically prayed for the people's *hearts* to turn back to God (v. 37), rather than just for fire or rain?
7. What does this story teach us about the difference between true prayer (God-centered, covenantal, humble, persistent) and false prayer (self-focused, manipulative, desperate rituals)?

## APPLICATION

1. Where in our lives today are we tempted to "waver between two opinions" (v. 21)—trying to serve both God and other idols (success, comfort, approval, etc.)? What is one specific area—family, work, relationships, decisions—where you've experienced God's blessing because you chose His way above other options?
2. Elijah prayed for people's hearts, not just for external needs. How can we begin to pray more intentionally for spiritual renewal around us? How can our group pray together in persistent, faith-filled ways for revival—believing that God can still send "fire" (His presence) and "rain" (His blessing) today?

