

Small group optional guide

God's mountain man – Behold Elijah is here

IN: FELLOWSHIP

- *Gift day* – £32,600; amazing amount! This will go to two places. 1) FEGANS; what do you know about the charity? 2) Upgrading our worship, sound and tech
- *Jubilee Community Church Picnic* (is also our small group bring and share!) Next Sunday 25th at Meridian Hall, East Court Park.

OUT: PRAYER

- Pete Rowe as he recovers and enters rehabilitation after intensive care
- James Knott as he continues to recover from his ruptured spleen
- New Ground to plant churches across the UK

key words from Sunday:

- Janine: Sometimes we go through the valley of despair; (family, health, finance), but I have chosen to be standing on the mountain of hope. With hope in Jesus there is joy and peace – so choose to stand on the mountain of hope and worship!
- Joe: from Luke 23:26; don't carry the cross of Christ, it's his, don't carry your burdens and shame it is not your duty, they were laid on Jesus, on his cross. Romans 12:1 our worship isn't carrying our sin, it is our outpouring of gratitude to Him.
- Laurence: Our Heavenly Father, He is so good and He provides, protects and brings us into His presence. (use Psalm 23)

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UP

1 Kings 18:1-19

1) Obadiah – a bit about the guy; what can you remember about him? Obadiah demonstrates here that you can serve the most evil boss, king, ruler, and yet be holy before God.

Q) What challenges do you face in the workplace that test your devotion to God? (unhealthy talk/practice?)

2) Poverty and plenty (The blind eyes of a rich king) striking how the King as looking to feed his pets while people are dying of thirst and hunger.

Q) Are we generous to the poor?

3) You do know what you're asking right!? (v9)

Q) think of a situation you have that is a clear 'no – go' with your faith; who do you never invite/offer to pray for?2

4) The face off; Ahab is innocent in his own eyes. Proverbs 21:2 – All a man's ways seem right to him, but the Lord weighs the heart.!

Discussion:

Q) Where is Jesus in this story? How does he contrast Ahab? How do we see him in Elijah and Obadiah?

Q) What do you need prayer for? Courage to be like Obadiah in your workplace ? Help to be generous? Courage for a faith no-go person or zone?

WORSHIP

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