

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. If all of your prayers were answered, would it change the world or just yours?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. Please read James 5:17, share initial thoughts. What strikes you most about this verse, and why?
3. Please read 1 Kings 17:1-6.
 - a. Notice how Elijah was cared for by God in the midst of a drought.
 - b. Elijah prayed for no rain, was fed by ravens, fed by a widow, raised the widow's son back to life from the dead, defeated 450 false prophets by calling fire from the sky, then prayed for rain to return...was he human?
 - c. Do you think you could do this? Why or why not?
4. Scripture shows us Elijah's humanity. Please read: 1 Kings 19:1-14.
 - a. What do you see in this passage that you can relate to as a "human".
 - b. What does God do in this story?
 - c. How does this relate to our everyday life?
5. Is it possible to be human and righteous? Please read Proverbs 15:8, 2 Chronicles 7:14; and 1 John 1:9.
 - a. What's our part?
 - b. What's God's part?

6. What do you think about this quote? "God is attracted to weakness. He can't resist those who humbly and honestly admit how desperately they need Him."- Jim Cymbala, Brooklyn Tabernacle Pastor

7. Read James 5:17.
 - a. How did Elijah pray?

 - b. How is this prayer different from a common prayer?

 - c. Have you ever prayed like this for anything?

8. Elijah later prayed for rain to return. Please read 1 Kings 18:41-44. How would you describe this kind of prayer?

9. Please read James 5:13-16.
 - a. Is it possible that your prayers can change the life of others?

 - b. How often do you pray in one day?

 - c. Are you willing to pray more?

Application

Below are the main points of the message. Discuss how they apply to your life.

- You can be human and be righteous.

- Elijah knew how to pray lights out...Praying for the rain to RETURN was just as important as the rain to STOP

- There are miracles waiting on the other side of your prayers. Don't give up!