



## Life Group Discussion Guide

### **October 10 – 1 Kings 18:41-46; James 5:13-18 – A Drought Ending Prayer**

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What's one thing that stood out to you from the sermon?
2. Have you ever idolized someone and later found out they were a man or woman just like you? Share about that person.
3. James 5 says Elijah was a man "just like us." That's a hard statement to believe – he performed miracles, he called down fire from heaven, so what do you think James means when he mentions this?
4. Elijah was just a normal everyday man. Nothing special other than his calling. Yet, God did remarkable things through him. How does this encourage you?
5. In the sermon we discussed the elements of an effective prayer life. They include: humble, specific, persistent, and expectant prayers to God. In what area do you need to take a step and grow?
6. Bryan mentioned that powerful praying comes from a deep knowledge of and trust in the promises of God. Which promises of God do you need to take hold of in your life?
7. Bryan also mentioned several occasions in which we are to pray to God from James 5. Which of these occasions do you find it hardest to pray?
8. Elijah humbled himself before God, because he knew that he could not bring the rain. But, he knew the One who could bring the rain. In what way have you not humbled yourself before God? How is he nudging you to do so now?
9. Elijah was specific. He was very, very specific. "God, we need some rain. God, it's been three and a half years. Give us water. He was specific. Where is God calling you to offer Him very specific prayers?

10. Where have you stopped praying because you saw no change or answer? Where do you need to start praying once again?
11. Have you ever had an example in your life of a "small cloud" (v. 44) ... or something that seemed to indicate that your prayers were being answered? Care to share?