

## Week 4: The Lord is God! 1 Kings 17-19

<b>PRAY</b>	1. What do you remember of the Sermon on Sunday? What was it about? What impacted you?	
	<b>Pray for our mission partners and your time in the Bible</b>	
<b>1st RESPONSE</b>	<b>Read the passage: 1 Kings 16:29-19:18</b> <b>Suggestion:</b> take turns reading around the group 2. <b>From a first read, what stood out to you as interesting or significant?</b>	
<b>STRUCTURE</b>	3. Skim over the passage and break it into scenes	<b>Suggestions / prompts</b> <b>Think, pair share</b> for this? (work on your own, work with a buddy, Share with the group. OR Get someone to draw up a <b>story board</b> diagram
<b>ZOOM IN</b>	4. We're going to focus on the first stages of the narrative.	
	<u>16:29-33</u> a) What does the narrator seem to highlight about Ahab?  <u>17:1</u> b) We're not told why there is no rain coming, how do these verses help?  <u>17:2-6</u> c) What stands out here? What seems important? d) What do the exodus echoes suggest about the state of things in Israel? e) What does this section show us about God?  <u>17:7-24</u> f) What stands out here? What seems important?	<b>Suggestions / prompts</b> a) What's similar/different to Solomon? (note temples and wives) b) See 1 Ki 8:35-36 (and/or Deut 28:15-24). NB also, Baal was believed to bring life, rain, fertility. c) What does 2-6 remind us of? (see Ex 16) d) (Instead of fleeing Egypt, Elijah needs to flee Israel! Judgment is coming on pagan Israel instead of pagan egypt.) e) (He is the one who is able to provide, he cares for his people, he will rescue protect them in the midst of judgement) f) What do we know about Sidon? (See 16:31, 17:12 - it's in Jezebel's patch, Baal's patch! the drought and famine extend beyond israel. God's judgement is on the nations as well as Israel, he is the God of all nations. What do these miracles show about God? ( <i>He is able to bring life (not baal) he cares about the widow, not just the king, prophet, nation.</i> )
<b>ZOOM OUT</b>	5. As we zoom out, lets think about this passage under 4 headings R.E.P.S	<b>Suggestions / prompts</b> (things to draw out)
	How does it... a) Reveal Gods character? b) Expose sin? c) Point us to Jesus? i) Read Luke 4:24-26 d) Spur us on to faith and obedience	a) Justice in punishing sin; compassion on the needy; faithfulness to provide; God of all b) God's people can become indifferent to their God, and look elsewhere for blessing. They fail to be a beacon and blessing to the nations c) Jesus who gathers in the gentiles and cares for the weak - was rejected, prepares us to be rejected with him d) Not to become luke warm in our devotion or look elsewhere for blessing; not join the nations in idolatry when we have the words of life! be part of taking God's blessing to the nations. Willingness to be rejected.
<b>DEEP RESPONSE</b>	7. How might God be prompting you to respond to this passage?	<b>Suggestions / prompts: (choose 1 or 2)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Think more about b) and c) above and what this could look like in your own life.</li> </ul>
<b>PRAY</b>	<b>Pray as a group from the passage // Pray in your smaller prayer groups</b>	

