



A Blueprint for Revival

April 21 | Group Discussion Guide

Begin by praying, catching up on your week, and reflecting together (10 minutes).

First, like last week, begin your time together by having someone pray.

Then, spend a few moments talking about how last week's discussion/reflection impacted your previous week. Ask, "Last week, we talked about traveling prayer. How has prayer for things or people in your life increased over the last seven days? Have any new things come up that you're desiring to agonize with God in prayer over? Explain."

Finally, end with this opening question sparked by Luke's sermon: "If you were to describe the kind of person needed to bring about revival, what would that person be like? What would they do? What would have to happen in them and through them? What habits would make up their life?" Share your thoughts with one another.

Read and discuss 1 Kings 17-18 (20 minutes).

As you enter into the story of Elijah, take a few moments to read through part of his story. Have your group read through **1 Kings 17-18**. Split up the verses so that each person gets an equal number to read.

Once you've finished reading, spend just a few moments responding to these questions:

- What do you learn about the kind of person God is seeking for revival from the life of Elijah in these chapters?
- What do you learn about God and his ability to bring about revival from these chapters?
- What do you learn about God's enemies and their utter insufficiency from these chapters?

Discuss the sermon, the topic of revival, and Elijah's journey in the wilderness, on the mountaintop, and looking to the horizon (20 minutes).

You may not get through all the questions - that's okay. Feel free to read these ahead of time and pick a couple that fit your group best!

- How would you describe the season of life you're in now? Are you in a wilderness, the mountaintop, or are you looking to the horizon? Explain.
- Elijah in the wilderness is cut off from everything and everyone except God because God wanted to first do something *in* him. When have you endured a wilderness season in your life? In what ways did you feel cut off from everything and everyone? What did God do in your during that time?
- Next, think about being on the mountaintop with God like Elijah. How have you made yourself available for God to work through you?
- Are there any ways that doubt or fear or insecurity or sin are getting in the way of you trusting the God of Revival? From letting him work through you? How might this focus on self be inhibiting what God wants to do in and through your life? Where do you need to repent?
- In his sermon, Luke mentioned how for God to bring revival through you, he will first bring revival to you. And he challenged us to start praying for something or someone. To make it specific. To pray for one place, one person, one neighbor, one family member, whatever God puts on your heart. So, who is that place, person, neighbor, family member, or thing you're going to pray for?

Pray (10 minutes).

Spend a few minutes as a group praying through the things people in your group answered that last question with. Take a moment to break into groups of 2-3 to share once more who or what you want to be praying for and then pray for it or them.

Finish with logistics and prayer requests (5 minutes).

1. **Inform your group** about the ongoing 24/7 prayer initiative! You can find out more information at thecreek.org/revival.
2. **Finish your group** session by closing with prayer.