

# Worship - 4/20 Discussion Questions

1 Kings 18

## **Review**

### **Idols:**

- 1. Deceive (v. 21; 16:30-31)
- 2. Disappoint (v. 26, 27, 29)
- 3. Destroy (v. 40)

### **The One True God:**

- 1. Speaks the Truth (v. 1; 24; 36-37)
- 2. Saves (v. 38-39)
- 3. Satisfies (v. 45; 19:4-6, 11-12)

### **Worship Must Be:**

- 1. Focused on the One True God (John 4:24) whose name is Jesus (Acts 17:30-31)
- 2. From an Undivided Heart (Matt. 22:37)

**“What is an idol?** It is anything more important to you than God, anything that absorbs your heart and imagination more than God, anything you seek to give you what only God can give... An idol is whatever you look at and say, in your heart of hearts, ‘If I have that, then I’ll feel my life has meaning, then I’ll know I have value, then I’ll feel significant and secure.’ There are many ways to describe that kind of relationship to something, but perhaps the best one is *worship*.”

Tim Keller, *Counterfeit Gods*

## **Connect**

1. How do you feel about timeshare presentations? Have you been to many? How did they go?
2. How is temptation like a misleading sales presentation? What are the primary idols in our culture today? What is their public sales pitch?

## **Read 1 Kings 18:17-40**

## **Discuss**

3. Flip back through the last few of chapters. What led up to this moment in Israel’s history? How did idolatry become so prevalent?
4. What was significant about rain (see 18:1)? What did a 3.5 year drought prove (see 17:1)?
5. What were the terms of the contest between Baal / Asherah and the LORD? Who appeared to have the advantage? Why?
6. What does this story teach us about God? What does it teach us about idolatry? (Notice 19:10 and the key word “jealous.”)

## **Apply**

- Read James 5:13-18. How does James use this story of Elijah to teach believers about prayer, healing and faith?
- What idols and their false promises are you most inclined to fall for? How do you seek to worship the Lord in spirit and truth (John 4:24)?

## **Pray**

- How can we pray for you?