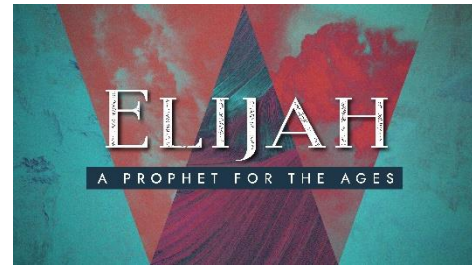


Eastridge Church  
Sermon Study Questions

Elijah: Prophet for the Ages

Week 1: A Voice in the Wilderness

Passage: 1 Kings 16:29-17:7



**Re-read 1 Kings 16:29-17:7**

As part of the introduction, Pastor Dwain highlighted the similarities between the time of Elijah and our current time. One similarity is that it was extremely unpopular and even dangerous to speak God's truth during that time and how we find ourselves in a similar setting. *How do you see this similarity in our current day? Why do you think God's truth has become so hard to hear for so many? Why do you think there is such a strong and at times violent reaction against it?*

One of the slides from the sermon included the following "Steps of People's Decline": Rejection of God, Culture of Death, Flippancy about Sin, Trusting the World, Silliest of Idolatry, Violence to the word of God. *What are some examples of these steps in the text for this sermon? What are some examples you see of these steps in our current time?*

Elijah is a powerful example of someone that believed, listened, and acted. **Re-read 17:1-6.** *How do we see each of these qualities surface in these verses? What did Elijah believe? How do we know that he listened to God? What actions does he take?* We may be tempted to put Elijah into a different category of human, but we see from **James 5:17** that he "was a human being, even as we are." (NIV) *What would be some practical things for you to incorporate into your life that would help you to believe, listen and act like Elijah did?*

In his conclusion, Pastor Dwain put together some final thoughts drawn from Elijah's example to help us navigate the "wilderness" that we find ourselves in as individuals and as a church. The final thoughts are these: Live in Reality, Say Whatever the Lord Tells You, Do Whatever He Tells You to Do. *In your own words, unpack these statements and share what it would look like to live into them.*

*Close your time in Prayer. Thank God that no matter how wild or unpredictable the times around us are, He is always in control. Praise Him for the fact that He always maintains a "remnant" of those that are faithful to Him. Ask for the courage to live out what He requires of us from Micah 6:8, "He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."*