



THE
WORD

SESSION SNAPSHOT

ARE YOU A FENCE WALKER OR FIRE CALLER?

NARRATIVE PASSAGE:

1 Kings 18:20-39

GOSPEL FOCUS:

Matthew 6:24

TAKEAWAYS:

- Choose which side you will serve
- We need unity in our community of faith

LAST WEEK'S READING:

- 1 Kings 16:29-34; 17
- 1 Kings 18-19
- 1 Kings 21-22
- 2 Kings 2
- 2 Kings 5; 6:1-23

STUDY THE WORD

What tends to be the most difficult decision of your day?

Look at verse 21 again. Where do we see this kind of choice in our lives today?

Do you think it is true that you can either follow God or follow something else--but you can't do both? Why do you think so?

When does something in our lives become a "baal," or a false god?

Why is it impossible to serve two masters?

What are ways that the world or your culture promises to fulfill you?

How do those things end up being ultimately unfulfilling?

What differences do you see between how Elijah conducted himself and how the prophets of Baal did?

How have you seen the Lord prove that He is endlessly more powerful than anything the world can offer us?

What do you think it looks like to live a life devoted to this God?

What was the people's response to what happened after Elijah prayed?

How do you think believers' lives could inspire a similar response?

APPLY THE WORD

Just like with Elijah's contest on Mount Carmel, there are people watching us as we tackle the question Elijah posed at the beginning: "Which God will you serve?" It may even be that they've never seen somebody sold out and wholly devoted to the Lord. You might be the first and only example of that they've ever seen.

If the people in your life were polled based on how you live, whom would they say you serve?

Are your actions and attitudes those of someone dedicated to serving the Lord or are they those of someone who, like the prophets, wavers between opinions?

PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK

Next Week's Reading:

- ***Jonah 1-2***
- ***Jonah 3-4***
- ***Hosea 1-3***
- ***Amos 1:1; 9***
- ***Joel 1-3***