

2026-10-21 Discussion Questions

King Ahab witnessed one of the most dramatic displays of God's power in all of Scripture, yet immediately went off to eat and drink without any apparent change of heart -- in what ways do we risk responding to God's work in our lives with the same indifference?

The sermon draws a parallel between Ahab's callousness after Mount Carmel and our own tendency to move on quickly after encountering God -- what practices or habits might help us slow down and allow God's work to truly take root in us?

Moses warned the Israelites not to listen to those who practice sorcery or divination, yet promised God would raise up a true prophet whose words they must heed -- how do you personally discern the difference between voices that are genuinely from God and those that are not?

The sermon points out that the people at Horeb asked God to stop speaking to them directly because they were afraid, and God honored that request by speaking through prophets -- in what ways might we today be unconsciously asking God to keep His distance rather than pursuing an intimate relationship with Him?

Deuteronomy 18 makes clear that a false prophet who speaks presumptuously in God's name bears serious consequences -- how should this shape the way we evaluate teachers, preachers, and spiritual influencers we choose to follow?

The sermon connects the biblical requirement of two or three witnesses to the way gossip operates in the church today -- how might our conversations and communities look different if we consistently applied this standard before accepting or repeating information about others?

The pastor suggests that character assassination through false witness can be more devastating than physical harm, and that the church has injured many people through careless words -- have you witnessed or experienced

this kind of damage, and what does genuine restoration look like in those situations?

Elijah boldly declared that rain was coming even when the sky was completely clear, acting entirely on the word God had given him -- what does that kind of faith-driven obedience look like in practical terms for believers today, and where do you find it most difficult to trust God's word over what you can see?

The sermon raises the concern that we can become so comfortable with sin that we no longer recognize it in ourselves, using excuses like 'that is just the way I am' -- what role does genuine repentance, modeled after the prodigal son, play in breaking that cycle of spiritual complacency?

The pastor emphasizes that knowing the Shepherd's voice is only meaningful if we actually follow it, and that the Holy Spirit leads us into truth while also exposing what is false -- what steps are you taking to deepen your familiarity with God's voice so that you are not led astray by counterfeits?