

2026-10-07 Discussion Questions

Elijah refused to let Ahab's personal insult draw him into an emotional argument, instead keeping his response focused on God's truth — in what areas of your life do you find it most difficult to remain 'professional' in your calling as a representative of God rather than reacting personally?

The people of Israel stood silent when Elijah asked them to choose between God and Baal, neither defending God nor openly rejecting him — in what ways might silence or inaction in your own life reflect a similar unwillingness to take a definitive stand for God?

Elijah's prayer before the fire fell was remarkably brief and focused entirely on God's glory and the restoration of the people's hearts — how does the content and motivation of your own prayers compare to Elijah's, and what does that reveal about your understanding of prayer's purpose?

The sermon draws a parallel between Ahab abandoning God's commands while still holding the title 'King of Israel' and Christians who claim the name of Christ while compromising on what God has said — where in your life might you be wearing a title without fully living out its responsibilities?

Elijah involved the people in carrying water and pouring it on the altar before calling on God, giving them 'skin in the game' — what does it mean for your faith to require genuine sacrifice and effort, and where have you seen God work most powerfully when you invested deeply?

The sermon suggests that sins of omission — failing to do what God commands — may be more common among Christians than sins of commission — doing what God forbids — and asks when we last confessed those failures; what specific acts of obedience or witness have you been neglecting that God may be calling you back to?

The 450 prophets of Baal cried out for hours, even cutting themselves, yet received no response, while Elijah's short, faith-filled prayer brought immediate fire from heaven — what does this contrast reveal about the

difference between religious performance and genuine relationship with God?

The sermon challenges the idea that a comfortable, prosperous life is evidence of strong faith, suggesting that true Christianity may require a willingness to suffer — how does your current relationship with comfort and security affect your readiness to follow Christ at any cost?

Elijah rebuilt the broken altar using twelve stones representing all the tribes of Israel, doing so 'in the name of the Lord' before he prayed — what broken altars in your personal life, family, or community might God be calling you to rebuild, and what would it look like to do that work in his name?

The sermon closes with an invitation to use communion as a moment of rededication, asking what area of life you are blatantly ignoring God in — if you were to answer that question honestly right now, what would you identify, and what would genuine surrender in that area require of you?