

1 Kings 18:20-40 (page 300)

Question for discussion:

How does society tempt us to relax our Christian views and adopt worldly ones?

1. Introduction: Not another children's story

2. Historical Context

- King Ahab is the worst king that Israel has seen so far (1 Kings 16:30)
- The people of Israel are led astray
- The LORD sends a drought that lasts years (1 Kings 17:1)

3. The people of Israel are limping between opinions (1 Kings 18:21)

4. Stand firm and follow the LORD, our true God!

Questions for discussion: (existing small group leaders please lead the discussion)

1. What detail(s) did you find most surprising / encouraging / challenging in our passage? Are there any details you would like to clarify?
2. How does this passage invite us to stop wavering between different opinions?
3. What concrete actions might we, as Christians, take to avoid wavering in our commitment to Jesus?
4. How would you explain 1 Kings 18 to a non-Christian colleague, friend or neighbour who thinks that this story is a children's fairy tale?

Take some time to pray