

#### **GOD'S MESSENGERS**

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# THE STORY

#### **Chapter 15: God's Messengers**

Sermon on May 29, 2022

Introductory Video Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/GodsMessengers">https://bit.ly/GodsMessengers</a>

#### **Getting to Know Me**

1. What is one thing you did as a child and miss most doing now that you are an adult?

### **Digging Deeper**

- 2. What insight or observation from Sunday's message did you find most helpful, eye-opening, or challenging? Why?
- 3. Read together 1 Kings 18:36-39. Imagine yourself in Elijah's position. You are standing before the king and 450 prophets of Baal. You are putting God to the test to prove He is God. What would you be feeling? What do you think Elijah felt? Why could he stand boldly in front of all these enemies of God with the goal to prove them wrong? What, or who, is in your life that you need to stand in front of with this same crazy boldness? Can you do it with love?
- 4. Read together 2 Kings 6:15-18. The servant was afraid because he could not see the spiritual army of God. Elisha asked God to *open his eyes*. Does God still move like this today? Do you think we miss seeing God work powerful miracles because our eyes are closed to spiritual things?
- 5. What miracles have you seen God work in our world or in your life recently?

- 6. Read together 1 Kings 18:21. We don't waver between God and Baal in 2022 America. But we do waver daily between God and \_\_\_\_\_\_ (fill in the blank). What does it look like to follow Him *fully* in your daily life?
- 7. Read together 2 Kings 3:14-15. Why do you think Elisha called for a harpist? Read Acts 16:25-26. Can you think of other times God showed His power through worship and music?
- 8. We're constantly seeing that "all of scripture whispers Jesus's name." Where do you see whispers of Jesus in this chapter of the story?

#### Where Do I Go from Here?

- 9. Share about a time when you struggled to believe that *God is present and powerful*? How do these stories remind or inspire you to know that God is present and powerful in your life still today?
- 10. What is a favorite worship song of yours? Share it with the group. Talk (or sing) through the words together. Commit to worship through song each day this week.

#### Prayer

Ask God to *open your spiritual eyes* to see Him and the work He is doing. Ask God to make it clear who or what you have put in the position of your heart that causes you to waver between that and God. Share with a partner. Pray for strength to choose God and boldly live your faith.



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