

SCRIPTURE: 1 Kings 21:1-29

- 1. **BELONG** Take time to slow down together and assess how people are doing in their personal and spiritual lives. Feel free to change the questions, but the point is to truly sit in this moment to allow time and space for encouraging spiritual connectivity.
 - A. What about this coming summer excites you or frustrates you? Is there anything in your life that seems daunting?
 - Tell us what the Lord has been teaching you in His word over the past few weeks?
 - Who in the group has had an intentional spiritual conversation with someone who doesn't know Jesus since we last met?
 - B. With this conversation in mind, spend some time praying for one another.
- 2. **DISCOVER** Read 1 Kings 21:1-29 together. Remember, this is meant to be a dialogue, not a monologue. Be an active listener as people respond to the text. Ask them follow up questions. Help the group think through what they're saying and how it applies to them spiritually.
 - A. Thinking back to Brad's message on this passage, what points or illustrations come to mind?
 - B. Given the context of this chapter and book, how would you summarize the primary theme of this section of scripture?
 - C. What truth(s) does this passage teach us about the character of God?
 - Can you think of any other passages in scripture that support this truth?
 - D. How does this passage point us to Jesus?
 - Can you think of any other passages in scripture that support this truth?
 - E. What does the truth(s) of this passage teach us about ourselves?
 - Can you think of any other passages in Scripture that support this truth?
- **3. GO** Take time to apply the text. Once we hear truth, we are called to live it out. If our groups just sit and talk about information, they won't experience transformation. This section is about self-reflection and helping one another be accountable to live out what we're learning.
 - A. How would you summarize Elijah's message to Ahab? What was Ahab's response?
 - B. How difficult was it for you to read the surprise ending of Ahab's story? Why do you think it is so hard to see God relent in bringing disaster to Ahab?
 - C. Are there subtle ways in your life that resemble the attitude of Ahab and Jezebel, who loved things more than people? How are you tempted to use power or authority for your own gain?
 - D. How does this passage inform the way we understand the forgiveness of sin today? Who are you tempted to believe is too far away from God's redemptive power?
- **4. PRAY** Petition the Lord together as you close out your group time with outward focused prayer. How might the truths in these scriptures impact the way you live and make a spiritual difference in the lives of those close to you?
 - A. Pray, by name, for those in your life who have not placed their faith in Jesus.
 - B. Pray for the faithful saints around the globe who are enduring persecution for the name of the Lord.