



GROUP STUDY GUIDE

WEEK OF OCTOBER 11 & 12, 2025 | PRAYERS THROUGHOUT SCRIPTURE

As a church, we believe God is calling us to become a house of prayer, and that starts with each one of us. Join us as we read powerful prayers throughout the month of October from the Bible and engage in meaningful prayer experiences each week.

DISCUSS

In 1 Kings 18, Israel is in a time of rebellion and drought. The prophet Elijah stands boldly against false prophets on Mount Carmel to reveal that the Lord alone is God. Through two powerful moments of prayer, first at the altar and later for rain, Elijah models what it looks like to partner with God both spiritually and physically. His prayers are not passive but full of faith, obedience, and confidence that God will move.

Read 1 Kings 18:36-39

- *What stands out to you about the heart behind Elijah's prayer? How can we pray with this same desire for God's glory in our own city and community?*
- *There was a confidence in Elijah that was rooted in knowing who God is. What does confidence in prayer look like for you?*
- *Elijah prepared the altar before he prayed by doing something physical to partner with what he was asking God to do in the spiritual. What might it look like for us to take practical steps that align with our prayers?*

Read 1 Kings 18:41-46

- *The servant is sent to look for rain seven times. What does this teach us about persistence in prayer?*
- *What does Elijah's physical posture in prayer communicate about desperation and dependence on God?*
- *What might obedience look like for you while waiting for God to answer?*

PRAYER EXPERIENCE (15-20 minutes)

- **Write out a prayer:** Take a few minutes to write out a prayer for your city, school, or neighborhood – a prayer reflecting Elijah's prayer "that they may know you, Lord."
- **Create a "rain prayer":** Jot down a breakthrough that you are asking God for. Draw a circle around it on paper as a symbol of commitment to keep praying until God moves. Keep an open posture, as God often responds to prayers in different ways than we expect.

Take the rest of group time to pray over these things!