

# 1 Kings 18

## Yaweh is God!



Think about and discuss one or two questions from each section.

### Getting started

Have you ever had to make a public stand to say that you are a follower of Jesus?

### The text – 1 Kings 18

1. Read 1 Kings 18:1–15. Describe the political context that Elijah is facing.
2. Read 1 Kings 18:16–24. Elijah makes a simple challenge in verse 21. In what way is it simple? In what way is it hard? What is involved in wavering (dancing/limping) between two opinion?
3. Read 1 Kings 18:25–29. How might this description of events been of value to the people of Elijah’s day? To later readers who had lived through the Babylonian exile?
4. Read 1 Kings 18:30–39. What symbolism is happening in Elijah’s actions? What is at stake in saying ‘the LORD—he is God!’?
5. Read 1 Kings 18:40–46. How are the terms of the Sinai covenant playing out here? (You might consider Deut 13 and 27–28.)

### The Scriptures – 1 Kings 18 as a portion of the Scriptures

6. What does Peter have to say about false prophets and false teachers? See, 2 Pet 2:1–22?
7. How does James add to our understanding of double-mindedness? See, James 1:2–8?
8. How does James see this story applying to Christians? See, James 5:17–18 (and its context).

### Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to 1 Kings 18 as a portion of the Scriptures

9. What makes people double-minded? What makes people single-minded?
10. What parallels to Baalism might lure us away from following Jesus?