

O COME LET US ADORE HIM

SERMON GUIDE

WE BECOME WHAT WE WORSHIP

1 Kings 18:20-40

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The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

Scripture that stands out to you while you read

Observations about the verse or phrases that stood out to you

Application that connect the verses to your real life and relationships

Prayers that invites God to participate in your life and provide power to follow him

Conversation Questions

Getting to know you: At Faith Community Church, we often talk about "heart idols," which can be anything we love, fear, or trust more than God. If you know what they are, would you be comfortable sharing what kinds of "heart idols" you've struggled with?

Note On the Passage: Ahab, the King of Israel and his wife, Jezebel have been drawing Israel toward idolatry – specifically the worship of the Baals. This story is about a showdown between the prophet Elijah and the priests of Baal, who were on the Queen's payroll.

Read 1 Kings 18:20-40

- S** What do you love most about what you just read? What verses, phrases, or words stand out to you as you read these scriptures? Is anything jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?
- O** How is the true God different than the "gods" and idols around us? Be specific and point to specific things in the reading.
- O** How is the worship of Baal different than the worship of the true God? What does Baal worship require? What does God require?
 - How are our idols today (money, power, comfort, security, relationships, ect.) similar? What do they require from us?
- O** How is worship an act of rebellion against the "gods"? How does it weaken and destroy our heart idols?
- A** In the sermon this week, Pastor Tim asserted that "The church is not primarily at war with atheism or any other ideology. We are at war with idolatry."
 - Can you see that in these readings? Where?
 - How do you feel about gathering with the congregation to worship as a part of your Christian duty? Does it inspire, challenge, irritate or confuse you? Why?
 - How might your approach to the Sunday worship gathering change in light of your reading today? Be specific.
- A** If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?
- A** Are you aware of what your heart idols are? What do you instinctively turn to for comfort when you are hurting or in trouble? How do you think daily private worship, and weekly public worship weaken those idols? Will you make a plan to do that?
- P** Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.