

**COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS**  
**SERIES: ROUTE 66**  
**STOP #11 – 1 KINGS: GODS AND KINGS**  
**TEXT: 1 KINGS 8; 12; & 18:20-40**

1. What does it mean to waver between two opinions in our worship (*1 Kings 18:21; Joshua 24:15; 2 Kings 17:41*)? Why is it dangerous to waver on this issue? What are some of the “false gods” of today that distract us from following the true God (cf. *Matthew 6:24*)?
2. Was Elijah intimidated when he challenged the prophets of Baal (*1 Kings 18:22-23*)? How did he have the courage to stand up for God in the face of so many false prophets? Do you share his courage in the face of adversity (*Joshua 1:9; Isaiah 41:10; Psalm 27:1*)? Why or why not?
3. Why did Elijah expect God to answer by fire (*1 Kings 18:24; cf. 2 Chronicles 7:1*)? How did Baal “respond” when his prophets cried out (*1 Kings 18:26, 29; Psalm 115:4-8*)? If false gods don’t respond, why do people believe in them (*2 Corinthians 4:4*)?
4. Was it appropriate for Elijah to mock the false prophets (*1 Kings 18:27; Habakkuk 2:19*)? How do some people respond when you expose their false beliefs and point them to the one true God (*1 Corinthians 1:20-21; 2:14; cf. John 15:18-19*)?
5. Why did Elijah want so much water poured over his offering (*1 Kings 18:33-35*)? What would this prove? Do you really believe that God is able to do impossible things when you pray (*1 Corinthians 2:19; Ephesians 3:20*)?
6. Read Elijah’s prayer closely (*1 Kings 18:36-37*). What does Elijah pray the people will know (cf. *Joshua 4:23-24; 1 Kings 8:59-60; Jeremiah 10:7-8*)? Do you pray that people who follow false gods will turn their hearts to the true God?
7. How did God’s response differ from that of Baal (*1 Kings 18:38*)? What does this fire demonstrate about God (*Isaiah 44:6; 46:5-7; Hebrews 12:29*)? What does it reveal about Baal? How did the people respond (*1 Kings 18:39; Leviticus 9:24*)? How should we respond?

**MILE POST (MEMORY VERSE):**

***When all the people saw it, they fell facedown and said,  
“Yahweh, He is God! Yahweh, He is God!”  
(1 Kings 18:39)***