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Connect Group Sermon Aligned Discussion Guide.

Series Title: THE SOUND OF A HEAVY RAIN
Key Scripture: 1 Kings 18:41-46, NIV
Recorded Sermon: www.woodvale.ca/pastservices/v/the-sound-of-a-heavy-rain
Date + Speaker: Pastor Mark Scarr – October 20th, 2024

Starter:
Do you enjoy the sound of a heavy rain? How do you react when a rainstorm is coming?

Discussion:

1. How does Elijah's confidence in God's Word (1 Kings 18:1-2) encourage you?

2. What could Elijah's ability to hear the sound of rain before it arrived teach us? (1 Kings 18:41)

3. In what ways have you experienced God's faithfulness in your own life, similar to Elijah's experiences? (1 Kings 17:2-22, 1 Kings 18:38)

4. How does Elijah's persistence in prayer (1 Kings 18:43) challenge you?

5. In James 5:17, it says Elijah was just like us. Do you believe it? What makes it hard/easy to believe? (James 5:17-18)

6. Elijah sent his servant to check for rain seven times. (1 Kings 18:43) When have you been persistent in waiting for God's timing?

7. How do you respond when you see just a small sign of God's answer, like the small cloud in 1 Kings 18:44? Does it strengthen your faith? How do you respond to God before the miracle happens?

8. How could you follow Elijah's example of specific and earnest prayer for rain in your prayer times? (James 5:17-18, 1 Kings 18:42-45)

9. In what areas of your life do you need to run forward in faith, trusting that God's power and provision will carry you through like it did for Elijah? (1 Kings 18:46)

Reflection:

Don't look at life through the eyes of the flesh, but through the ears of faith.

Question 2: Answers may vary, but one answer could be that hearing the rain is about spiritual sensitivity to hear from God.