



## **Week 3: Effective Prayers**

**Scripture:** 1 Kings 18:16-45

Elijah prayed \_\_\_\_\_

- James 5:17

### **4 Qualities of an Effective Prayer**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ prayers

- He was \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ humbled
- 1 Peter 5:5-6
- \_\_\_\_\_ precedes the \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ prayers

- James 4:2-3

3. \_\_\_\_\_ prayers

- Elijah doesn't allow the \_\_\_\_\_ circumstances of what's going on to affect his \_\_\_\_\_ assurance.

4. \_\_\_\_\_ prayers

- Mark 11:24

**Start talking.**

- Why do you think people tend to idolize entertainers, musicians and athletes?

**Start thinking.** Read 1 Kings 18:16-46

- Why does Elijah tell Ahab to “eat and drink” and his servant to keep looking? (vv41-44) What do you think they were thinking?
- Why does Elijah assume the “fetal position” on the mountain? What do you think he was feeling?

**Start sharing.**

- Are skeptics today more convinced by logical arguments, emotional appeals, or miraculous power? Which of these convinced you of the truth of Christ?
- Does God show his power today? Or is Christian witness more one of subtle good deeds and words fitly spoken?
- Does God give you extra strength to do his will? What kind of strength do you need right now?
- Have you ever wanted to follow Elijah’s examples and boldly ask for a public miracle in Jesus’ name?
- What is one prayer that you have consistently prayed? If there is not one, who or what must you commit to praying for?

**Start praying.** *Be bold and pray with power.*

*I realize that I have been divided in my life. Reveal yourself to me Lord. May your fire fall. God, I humbly come before you today. Search me, show me anything that is counter to your will. Today I ask you to change me first, and I specifically pray for...*

**Start doing.** *Commit to a step and live it out this week.*

- Pray humbly.
- Pray specifically
- Pray persistently
- Pray expectantly