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Small Group Bible Study

The god's must be Crazy

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Begin by reading 1 Kings 18 in entirety. Rate the following people or groups according to this scale:
Strong Belief - Belief - Little Belief

- Elijah & Obadiah
- The people of Israel
- The prophets of Baal

(note: belief doesn't necessarily mean belief in God, but could be in other gods)

Why did you rate each the way you did?

Obadiah is described as a "devoted follower of the LORD." How did he demonstrate this? How did Elijah demonstrate his trust in God? (be specific and try to find as many examples as possible)

What did the people of Israel believe? Read v. 20-21.

What was the sin of the people of Israel? See Jeremiah 2:1-4 & 2:12-13

Exodus 34:13-15 helps explain the gravity of Israel's actions. Why is God justified in being jealous, and how were the people breaking the command of v.15?

To the prophets of Baal, Baal himself was their god. Are false gods more than just those of other organized religions?

Consider Luke 16:13. Why is money a false god, and what are other false gods we are in danger of following? Why are some of these gods so deceptive to us?

How did the prophets of Baal demonstrate their belief?

Compare their method of calling out to their "god" (v.26&28-29) with Elijah's (v. 36-37). What was the difference, and how did it become more pronounced for the prophets of Baal as time went on?

When you call out to God, do you ever believe that His response will be based on your method of calling to Him? What does Jesus teach regarding this in Matthew 6:7-8?

Elijah's prayer was that God would make Himself known to the people. How did the people of Israel come to know that God was the true God? How do you know this?

Consider the following:

What do my "gods" require of me?

Read Isaiah 53:4-6. What does my God require of me?

What is the difference?

