

Hills and Valleys | Stop Wavering! 07.31.22

## START TALKING | (Find a conversation starter for your group)

Why is it so exciting when two big rivals meet? (Like the Packers always beating the Bears. :))

# START EXPLORING | (Read the Bible)

Read the "show down" in 1 Kings 18:22-40.

- What do you think was Elijah's main reason for challenging the other prophets?
- What are some rituals the false prophets performed in an attempt to gain the attention of their gods? (vv. 26-29)
- What is your opinion of Elijah taunting the false prophets in verse 27?
- How would you have felt if you were there when God sent down fire?
- What impresses you the most about Elijah's showdown with these false prophets?
- Why do you think Elijah demanded the false prophets be put to death? (v. 40)

## START SHARING | (Choose a question to create openness)

Christians believe there is one true God, but often unintentionally serve false gods.

- What are one or two false gods that continue to resurface in your life?
- What do these false gods promise you that only God can provide?
- What convinces you that God is more powerful than all else?
- When you are confronted with differing viewpoints about God, what do you do?
- Have you ever experienced a miracle of God? If so, describe.
- What is your level of expectation and confidence in God currently?
- What would it mean for you to follow Elijah's example of taking a risk by showing your confidence in God?



#### Start Praying. (Be bold and pray with power)

"Heavenly Father, build my confidence in YOU. I want to trust You deeper so that I can lift Your name higher in my life. When I encounter false gods in my heart, please reveal them to me and give me the grace to remove them. When I encounter false gods in this world, give me the confidence to speak up and live out the grace and truth of Jesus Christ. I want to take you at your word. I want to see Your power and fame known throughout Appleton. In the name of Jesus, amen."

#### Start Doing. (Commit to a step, and live it out this week)

This week commit to praying that God would build your confidence in Him. Find three scriptures about confidence and read them every day this week.