

STUDY GROUP 2 (1 KINGS 18:1-16)

"BECOMING A SERVANT"

ELIJAH: STUDY GROUP 2 – SUMMARY OF MAIN POINTS

V1-2 God sends Elijah to Ahab

Three years earlier, Elijah had prayed for the nation to turn to God in 1 Kings 17 (cp Jas 5, Deut 11); yet now when God was ready to work with the nation, Elijah still had a negative perception of Israel and didn't believe that they would now turn to God.

Discussion ideas

- What would Elijah look like after 3.5 years? Would there be a contrast to the rest of the nation? How would this impact on Ahab? What would your reaction be?
- Elijah was obedient. What does obedience mean to us?
- Has Elijah's perception of Israel changed from chapter 17?
- How would you treat a person who is willing to turn to the Truth? How can we help people turn?
- Do you think Elijah believed God when He said that Israel was going to turn? If no, why did he go? If yes, why does he respond negatively to them?

V3-6 The faithfulness of Obadiah

Obadiah's character was:

- Servant
- Cared for others
- Gave of himself to help others
- Totally committed to God
- Feared God greatly from his youth
- Risked his life for his brethren
- Given to hospitality
- Honoured his worldly master

Discussion ideas

- How can we exhibit these characteristics in our personal life?
- Obadiah didn't use his difficult situation as justification for a lack of commitment. Do we use our difficult situations (small by comparison) to justify a lack of commitment to bible class, lectures, memorial meeting, preaching, youth group, visiting the sick, working on our characters etc...?
- What are some positive ways that we can overcome this?

OBADIAH WORKED FOR AHAB

Discussion ideas

- Would you work for Ahab? How would you feel about people who would? Are they any 'less' a Christadelphian? What about people who do other things that you may not like/agree with which are inside biblical boundaries.
- What constitutes biblical boundaries?
- How did Obadiah's servant mentality affect his relationship with Elijah? How can we show this attitude when addressing areas where we may differ from other people?

V7-16 Elijah meets Obadiah

Contrast between Elijah and Obadiah – Judgement vs Humility. Note that unity came through Obadiah.

Discussion ideas

- How would you respond to Elijah if he said this to you?
- What is the kind of attitude that we need to have in the Truth? Cp 1 Pet 2:19-25. How did Obadiah demonstrate this character?