

# Does my life matter?

**GO FURTHER | SEPTEMBER 11 | WHAT IS MY PURPOSE?**

## **START TALKING | ASK A QUESTION TO GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.**

- WHAT DO YOU MOST LOOK FORWARD TO EACH FALL: FOOTBALL BEGINNING, SWEATER WEATHER, PUMPKIN-SPICED EVERYTHING, SOMETHING ELSE?

## **START THINKING | ASK A QUESTION TO GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.**

- Read 1 Kings 18:17-19. What words or phrases stand out to you?
- King Ahab made a mess of Israel by worshipping other gods, worshipping idols.
- What are some of the idols we worship today?
- How do we keep God at the center of our lives? What practices help?

## **START SHARING | CHOOSE A QUESTION TO CREATE OPENNESS.**

- Read Matthew 22:37-40. What words or phrases stand out to you?
- Our purpose for every season of life is found here. What is it?
- In Elijah's day, they sacrificed animals in worship; now we are the living sacrifices.
- Read Romans 12:1-2. What words or phrases stand out to you?
- What does it look like to be a living sacrifice each day at work, school and home?
- Read 1 Kings 18:20-21; 27; 38-39. What words or phrases stand out to you?
- What worship practices does Elijah bring back to help people remember who they are?

## **START PRAYING | BE BOLD AND PRAY WITH POWER.**

- Lord God, we confess there are times idols have removed you from the center of our lives. We repent. We desire to go in a new direction, towards you, towards your Son, the one who can handle and gives us answers for the deep questions of meaning and purpose and legacy that we have. May your Holy Spirit empower us to take one step back towards you this week. It is in our resurrected Savior's name we pray together, Amen.

## **START DOING | COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK.**

- For more on Elijah, check out this 5-day Bible reading plan:  
<https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/22913-elijah-faith-and-fire>