

Showdown on Mount Carmel

1 Kings 18:16-46

- 1. If you were to ask people across Melbourne who you should worship, how many answers would you get?**
- 2. Read 1 Kings 18:1-46.**
- 3. In verses 16-21, why do you think the people responded to Elijah the way they did? Discuss.**
- 4. Is Elijah putting God to the test by asking God to prove himself (v.22-24)? Why or why not?**
- 5. In verses 25-30, what do the prophets of Baal do to try to get an answer from their god?**

6. Have you known Christians to ever act in certain ways to try to get God to answer their prayers? Is this a good thing to do? Discuss.

7. In contrast with the prophets of Baal, what did Elijah do to call for God's response (v.30-37)?

8. Does verse 36 change your answer to question 4? Why or why not?

9. In verses 38-39, were the people convinced? Discuss.

10. What do you think of this action in verse 40? See also Numbers 25:1-5 and Matthew 18:6. Discuss.

11. What things had God done, culminating at Mt Carmel, in order to turn his people back to him?

12. Reflecting on the times in your life when you strayed from God, how has God intervened to turn you back to him?

13. In what ways do our church practices of confession and the Lord's Supper keep us close to God? Can you think of other ways God uses the church to draw us back?

14. Pray for each other.