

Weekly 4G Guide

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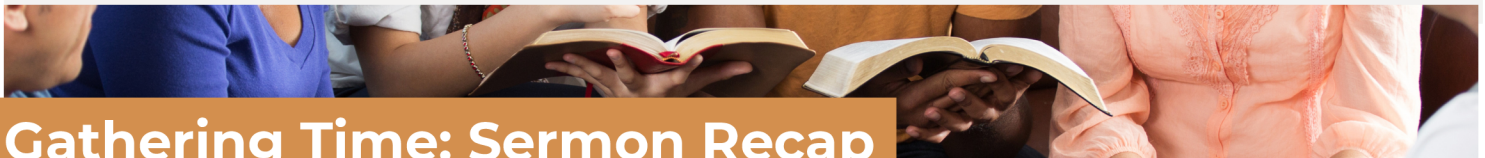
How to Use This Guide:

- **Read the Sermon Recap** by yourself (for devotions) or with your group. You can also watch the sermon on YouTube @CBCFamily.
- **Read the passage/s.** Look for truths, promises, and/or commands. Try to find the “who, what, when, where, why, and how.”
- **Group Time:** First, take turns reading the Scripture passage/s from the sermon, round-robin style, letting each person read one verse. Go around the circle until the whole passage has been read. Then, **utilize the Group Time** portion of this 4G Guide.

What's a 4G? A guide that covers:

1. Gathering Time (Sunday morning)
2. Group Time (for group meetings)
3. God Times (personal and family devotions)
4. Give Time (a prompt for reflection)

- **Personal God Time:** Use these each day to dive into the passages further and challenge yourself to apply the texts.
- **Family God Time:** Use these each week to dive into the passages with your family.
- **Give Time:** Ask your group, yourself, or your family what might be a good response to the sermon or text? How are you inspired to give of your time, talent, or treasure?



Gathering Time: Sermon Recap

It Is Well: Peace in God's Power

Today, Greg preached the second sermon in the series *It Is Well*. By looking at the life of Elijah, this series highlights the reasons we can have peace. Today's sermon focused on events found in 1 Kings 18:17-40.

Elijah was a prophet sent to warn Israel to turn to God and stop following false, evil gods like Baal. In today's passage, Elijah confronted the evil king Ahab and false prophets of Baal.

When Ahab blamed Elijah for troubling Israel with a drought, Elijah quickly turned the blame to Ahab. Israel had problems because they abandoned the commandments of God!

Elijah asked the people how long they would keep “limping” (wavering) between different gods. Then, he issued a challenge. The false prophets would prepare a sacrifice to Baal, while Elijah prepared a sacrifice for God. Neither would light the wood, but they would pray for it to be lit supernaturally. This powerful act would reveal the true God!

The prophets of Baal accepted the challenge, prepared the sacrifice, and cried out to Baal for hours. Despite their pleas and efforts, their god never answered them; he wasn't real!

Elijah called the people near and prepared God's altar. He ordered the wood and sacrifice be doused with water three times so that water overflowed from it. When he cried out to God, asking Him to make Himself known, fire from the Lord fell immediately, consuming the offering, wood, stones, dust, and water, proving this God was the true God Almighty!

Like Elijah, we can trust in God's power. This brings us peace! How? First, we direct our worship *only* to the God of power. Misdirected worship won't give peace. Second, we must remember: God arrives when He needs to. He knows just what to do and when to do it; trusting Him brings peace. Third, we recognize God's power. God is God Almighty! Elijah was confident in this, and we can be, too.

You can have peace. Rely on the God of power!

Group Time: Questions

Conversation Starter

Ask: What is the most peaceful experience you've ever had? What made it so peaceful?

Discussion Questions

Choose a track, mix and match, or do them all.

- **Track 1:** What is the main point of the passage that was discussed in today's sermon?
- What is the "who, what, when, where, why, and how" of the passage?
- Does the passage contain truths, promises, or commands to obey? What are they? As a group, make a list and pray for your hearts to align with God's Word.

- **Track 2:** Do you think non-Believers are looking for peace? Why might they seek peace apart from God?

- Can true, lasting peace be found apart from faith in God? Why/why not?

- How can we help people believe God's power?

- **Track 3:** What situations tempt you *not* to trust God's power? What's a better response?

- How can you exhibit trust in God? Is there something you need to do/not do?

- How will you apply this week's sermon and passages? What result do you hope for?

God Time: Personal

Use the sermon notes from our Gathering Time this week for your personal time with God. Use a spare notebook or your favorite device to journal your responses. Include prayer and application in your time with God!

- **Monday:** Read 1 Ki 18:17-19. Note the accusation, the response, and the number of false prophets. Mark anything else that stands out to you.
- **Tuesday:** Read 1 Ki 18:20-25. What is the challenge Elijah issues? What is the purpose?
- **Wednesday:** Read 1 Ki 18:26-29. What did the false prophets do? Pray, thanking God that He hears your every cry.
- **Thursday:** Read 1 Ki 18:30-35. Note Elijah's care in worshipping God as God prescribes.
- **Friday:** Read 1 Ki 18:36-39. Focus on vv. 37-38. God has proved He is more powerful than false gods! What is the response? Your worship is a testimony. Others want the peace you have. Share it today!

God Time: Family

Parents: Familiarize yourself with sermon recap from our Gathering Time. Sum it up in a way your child/ren can understand.

- Consider **reading** 1 Ki 18:30-39 from today's sermon from the Easy-to-Read Version.
- Give a **summary** statement about the sermon and the Bible passage in a way that your family can easily understand.
- **Ask:** What are some strong things that people might trust?
- **Say:** God is so powerful! We can have peace when we trust Him.
- **Activity:** God will never fail us. This brings us peace! People trust in a lot of things, but some of these things disappoint us. For example, we can trust our muscles, but we can't do a million push-ups. But God has the power to do anything He wants to do. Activity: Take a sheet of paper. Write "Peace in God's Power" on it. Each day this week, write one thing your family can trust God's power for. This will bring you peace!

Give: *How does this week's sermon inspire you to give of your time, talent, or treasure?*