

# MESSAGE DISCUSSION GUIDE

Assembly Required // Week 3 // The Master Builder

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## ICEBREAKER

Was there ever a toy or special thing that you wanted for Christmas as a child, or adult—one that you so hoped you would get on Christmas morning, and you did!? What was it?

## KEY SCRIPTURE

**1 Kings 18:16-46**

“Expect God will show up against overwhelming odds.”

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Elijah had a big decision to make—which God was he going to follow. Even though we don’t often choose to follow and worship a wooden or metal idol, we do have idols in our life that we worship with our time and energy. Can you name some of these?
2. **Read Matthew 6:21.** The Bible tells us “where your treasure (money) is, there your heart will be also.” Look at what you spend your time and money on—which of the “idols” discussed above do you most struggle with or lean toward?
3. Our culture is shifting more and more away from commitment. In many areas of life we struggle to commit to things. This often spills into our faith life as well. Why is it important to be people who keep our word and our commitments, especially when it comes to our faith? What message does our commitment, or lack of, send to those around us?
4. Once we have decided to follow Jesus, we have the opportunity to grow in our trust. God built up Elijah’s faith to a point where he felt strong enough to ask a bold prayer. Is there something in your life you need faith and trust to pray about and ask of God? What are some of those things? What keeps you from asking God for them?
5. **Read James 5:16-18.** What can we learn about the power of our faith, belief in God to follow through, when it comes to prayer?
6. How might circumstances that made our faith grow (during difficult times) encourage us to believe as we pray in the future?

## PRAYER

Take some time to pray for one another. Pray about the idols God needs to remove from your life. Ask God for His help and guidance about the things you shared in group. Pray that He would encourage you with faith to believe in His ability to act in your life according to His character.

## CHALLENGE

Challenge one another to keep a small journal or record of the different things you see God doing during the week. This can be a quick sentence written in your notes on your phone, or kept in an actual written journal. Share these with your group next week as a way to encourage one another and remind each other of God’s presence and daily movement, even in the small things!