



### today

We tend to worship God on Sundays, but spend the rest of our week running from one obligation to the next, hobbling back in the next week exhausted and in desperate need of refreshment. God didn't intend for our faith to be this way. The story of Elijah's showdown with the prophets of Ba'al on Mt. Carmel illustrates the real danger: when aspects of our lives become idols, they drain away our life, distract us from God and hurt those around us. We must learn to let God order our lives so that we can find the life God promises!

### scripture for further reading

Exodus 20:1-6; 1 Kings 18:1-44; Isaiah 41:21-24; Matthew 6:19-34 ; Revelation 2:18-29

### discussion questions

1. What is an idol? How is an idol more than just a statue?
2. Why are idols so dangerous?
3. Worshiping an idol is more than just bowing down to it or singing it songs. How do we worship idols today?
4. What idols do you recognize in your own life? What false promises do your idols make to you?
5. How do we flee from idols in our lives without abandoning our lives altogether?
6. How can you order your week to prioritize God?

